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Poinsett creek restoration complete

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Dramatic changes have taken place at Poinsett Park. The new open creek bed is essentially completed. The creek is up and running and, according to maintenance and engineering supervisor Mori Struve, "has performed very well during the first few rains of the winter."

The one-time creek was culverted underground for many years. After a number of neighborhood evenings and a public hearing, the El Cerrito City Council decided to open it up again as part of the city's storm drain restoration program. It's a more complicated job than just taking the pipes away.

Planning for creeks is a specialty of Dr. Ann Riley of the Waterways Restoration Institute. It was Riley who advised the city on the exact width the restored creek should measure.

"A creek has what she calls an 'equilibrium width,'" said Struve. "If you make a creek too narrow, it will erode over time and become wider. If you make it too wide, it will make continual deposits."

"If it's just right in the beginning, it shouldn't change much either way over the years."

Struve said Riley uses conventional hydraulic engineering data and then "reacts to it differently," based on her wide experience working with creeks. Along with that "theoretical aspect" of planning, he said, she also directed the mechanical side of stabilizing the creek.

Those who have visited the creek since construction began, but not recently, will now find that the bed has been regraded and certain rocks on the side slopes taken out. As a result, the bed is "flatter."

The sides have been stabilized for erosion in a manner that will eventually add to the beauty of the creek. In early November, willow and dogwood cuttings harvested in other areas were bundled together, laid along the edges of the bed and covered with erosion-prevention fabric made of coconut fiber.

The bundles will immediately bring stability to the creeksides. In addition, they will also root, with the rootings also adding to stability.

The bundles and individual pole cuttings

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Teenagers want more input on plan

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The Youth Task Force's goal to "make kids a priority" seems a sorely needed one in that, according to an informal survey of more than 30 middle and high school students, Albany, well, to use their words — Albany sucks.

A few hours spent Friday talking with the city's teens confirms the result of surveys conducted by the task force last spring — alleged police harassment, distrust between youth and adults, and a general feeling that there is nothing for kids to do in their own town. Although none of those surveyed had heard of the Youth Master Plan, a more-than-50-page document designed to make Albany a more youth-friendly town, most seemed interested by the idea and were veritably brimming with suggestions.

While Albany has a reputation for high-quality schools, the city's youth-friendliness seems to fall off from there. The biggest complaints revolve around a lack of anything to do — nowhere to skateboard, nowhere to hang out — and lack of a forum in which they too might be heard.

Although the task force conducted a series of surveys last spring, youth seem to have been left out of the loop since then, as none of the more than 30 teens talked to had even heard of the plan. Not that they are without their share of ideas, however, as teens literally swarmed at the chance to throw their two cents in as to how one can make Albany a better place to grow up.

During the lunch break at Albany High School many students disperse into the surrounding neighborhood to smoke cigarettes and, in at least one case, rather large marijuana joints "wrapped in the empty cigar husks. Talk here centered around police harassment and a lack of places teens can go in their free time.

"It's like there's very little diversion for youth," said Rachel Swan, 16, who, along with a dozen or so of her friends, spent a good half-hour providing suggestions as to how Albany might be improved for them. "I think what Albany needs is some more activities for teens."

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Albany Police Department grants in limbo

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — A \$100,000 federal grant for the Chief Operator Teen Driving Program seems to have run into a few snags since the City Council chose not to accept it earlier this month, and will not make its way onto the agenda again until 1997.

The grant, which would have given another year of life to the highly unusual program run by Sgt. Bill Palmieri and Sgt. Art Clemons, appears to have been pushed to the back burner and will not be coming up any time soon. Two other grants sought by the department, one to prevent traffic-related injuries and another to curb teen smoking, also seem to have gotten the ax, although the grants' futures are hard to fathom, as Police Chief Larry Murdo has refused to comment on

any of them.

Altogether, the three grants would have totalled more than \$500,000 — \$100,000 for Chief Operator, \$75,000 for the traffic safety grant and a whopping \$350,000 for the tobacco grant.

Chief Operator is a rather unconventional program, run by the department since November 1992, in which the two sergeants perform as "Elvis and the Lawman" at Bay Area schools to promote traffic safety and discourage drunken driving among teens. During its three years of existence, the program was funded by more than \$660,000 in federal grants.

Apparently disheartened by the council's 3-1 vote to not accept the grant, the department has gone back to the drawing board and will not submit a revised request until next year, according to Tanya Chalupa,

Chief Operator's program coordinator. The council cited a lack of rapport between the city's youth and police, as well as "creative financing" in staff report submitted by Murdo, as reasons not to accept the federal funds.

A glimpse into the financing of the Chief Operator grant — not made any easier by the fact that Murdo has refused comment — reveals the manner in which the original request was written had some rather large problems. The application appears to mislead the state Office of Traffic Safety as to how much time would be spent performing the duties outlined in the grant, allowing the city to pocket more than \$30,000.

According to Chris Murphy, project coordinator for

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A grand re-opening

Albany City Councilmember Thelma Rubin took the first ride down the new slide during the re-opening celebration of the Staniek Tot Lot Nov. 16. The refurbished tot lot, on the corner of Dartmouth and Talbot avenues, features new playground equipment made from recycled materials, and bright educational panels on recycling. The park renovation was partially funded by a grant from the Alameda County Recycling Board to demonstrate the use of recycled products. The lot was originally a gift to the children of Albany from Mr. and Mrs. Staniek, who donated the corner lot where her home stood to the city for a public park. The renovation was dedicated to Councilmember Thelma Rubin for her years of dedication to the city's recycling program and her commitment to providing safe and educational spaces for youth.

New EC chief is settling in

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Police chief Linda Fellers and her daughter, April, were introduced and welcomed to El Cerrito at the Nov. 18 meeting of the El Cerrito City Council. Mayor Norma Jellison said El Cerrito was "proud to be one of the few cities in the state of California to have a woman as our police chief."

"I am ... truly honored to be here and to serve a community like El Cerrito," Fellers said in response.

The new chief has no plans to make organizational changes in the department she's headed since Oct. 14. In the current chain of command, Captain Bruce Nelson heads the department's administrative division, commander Jay Clark investigations, and commander Scott Kirkland the patrol division. (The commanders rotate.)

"I need to learn the organization before I start looking to see if there's a better way of doing business," she said, adding that, "I'll certainly be looking for ways individuals can broaden their experiences, whether that means broadening duties within a current assignment or rotating assignments, for example."

"I do value employee development at all levels of the department, to help (staff members) grow in competence."

Some major changes are on the

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School board reviews new design for middle school

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — District architects unveiled a revamped design for the new middle school at the school board's meeting Nov. 12. The plan offers new details and modifications to meet environmental mitigations and soil survey results.

The building itself has not changed much and will still feature an L-shaped design with peaked roofs fronting residential streets. It also includes "civic elements" like peaked glass roofs over the resource center and gymnasium.

Four classrooms have been eliminated from the original design, leaving 16 regular class rooms, two

science laboratories, with a shared science lecture room, a specialized room for music and another for industrial arts.

Other changes include moving the restroom to a more central location near the school entrance and "pushing" the northern staircase into the building to provide a greater buffer to an adjacent access road and future creek restoration site. Off campus, the district will construct a covered bus shelter on Masonic Avenue for student drop-off and pickup activity.

On a larger scale, district architect Ken Kerch said the slope on the property has also changed the design.

"We didn't have a soil survey until late in the process. One thing we found is that we have a 14-foot

fall from the street to the BART path. We're looking for a very economic way to deal with that. We are trying not to have any retaining walls," Kerch said.

The solution, Kerch said, is to build the school with the east to west slope of the property so that hallways on the Brighton Avenue side of the building will include ramps with a one and a half-foot slope. Hardcourt areas will have no more than a 2 percent slope, Kerch said.

As for the building's color, Kerch as yet has no recommendations. "That's a little further in the process."

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El Cerrito resident questions council's attitude

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — City Councilmember Norman La Force came in for some scathing criticism from a resident at the Nov. 18 council meeting. Comments made by Priscilla Enriquez criticizing his actions resulted in a public apology from La Force.

Enriquez also directed her comments to the council in general, since she believes "inappropriate" action by one member should be "dealt with publicly" by the council as a whole.

Enriquez was an applicant for the council position left vacant by former mayor Cathie Kosel, who moved to Kensington and resigned her seat in August. That seat was filled by Gina Brusatori.

At the time of the interview, council members urged all applicants to continue to pursue their interest in serving the city

by applying to commission seats. Enriquez applied to the Planning Commission for a vacant seat Nov. 4. That seat was filled by former Redevelopment Advisory Committee member Sandia Potter.

Characterizing herself as "a friend and past supporter of the city," Enriquez criticized the council's "conduct and interaction with the public." She said that, during the commission interview, La Force had "smugly asked" where she was "during the weeks when their was active campaigning for Measures G and H."

Enriquez felt the question was "wholly inappropriate" when asked of a candidate for the planning commission.

"...this citizen's interest in serving her city was narrowly defined by whether I did or did not walk precincts and hand out fliers in support of Measures G and H," she said.

Even less appropriate, she believes, was

La Force's question concerning hers and her husband's lack of public endorsement of the measures. Enriquez husband is an elected official — a board member of the Stege Sanitary District. She felt the question reflected an inappropriate interest in seeing the public political support of "an applicant's husband."

The entire council, she believes, "seemingly condoned, albeit inadvertently" La Force's question "by their silence."

Enriquez drew a parallel between the situation, in which she feels she was treated with a lack of respect, and the perception of mistrust expressed by some vocal opponents of Measure H.

She feels that perception is fed by incidents like those she experienced. (Enriquez also said La Force fell asleep during the course of her council interview. He apologized for this. One outspoken critic of the

council later characterized the incident "as something that could happen to any of us.")

Enriquez said the council "should develop and adopt a code of conduct" that would preclude one council member from using his position to "interrogate citizens."

She also asked for a public apology from La Force.

She received it. In his apology, La Force said he took "full responsibility for whatever disrespect you felt" but had "meant no disrespect at any time in any meeting or conversation."

La Force also told the audience that other council members had "called him to task" following the council meeting for the question he had asked. He directed his apology to both Enriquez and the other council members.

New board members will look for answers

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Both Owen H. Jones and Bill Cain say they are ready to start fulfilling their campaign promises once they officially take office Dec. 9.

For former city council member Cain that means ferreting out missing details and improving communication between the district and the public.

"There's a lot of work to do. I'd like to see more definition on the scope of the (middle school) project, schedule and budget. The information I have been able to see to date has been a little bit sketchy than it should be," Cain said.

He added that the information is critical because "it will effect other projects in the district."

Cain, an engineer with EBMUD, said the Nov. 12 presentation of the school's schematic design left many questions.

"I kind of got the feeling they were doing like Caltrans does, flash the project and then leave. It's pretty hard to evaluate," he said.

Cain is also concerned that the board continue its commitment to work cooperatively with neighboring cities and residents on the new school.

"I don't think the (development) agreement is going to alleviate concerns. I think the way the school board responds at the design level is the important thing. Where real problem solving will happen is in interacting with the cities and residents," he said.

Cain said he would strongly favor a community-wide forum or discussion on the topic and said he has "been trying to strategize with people about doing that."

"At the school board meetings I've attended the general approach has been 'this is a business meeting of the board and the public is allowed to attend.' Citizens don't expect that and they want a forum where they can give input and get feedback," Cain said.

While potentially time consuming, Cain said a community forum

would work to make the school a "community project and not just one that is thrust on them."

Seismic safety is another area Cain intends to focus his attention on, saying his first priority will be to encourage the assessment of risk levels at individual school sites. He would also like the district to "set dates on when we are going to be making some decisions."

Cain said he strongly favors reaching resolution with Albany teachers, who are in the midst of a protracted struggle with the district over salary increases.

"I'm confident I will be working hard to make sure we have a resolution because this is negative for everyone. Instead of pulling in six different directions we need to pull together," he said.

Owen H. Jones

Jones, an Oakland school teacher, will complete a 26.2 mile walking marathon in Honolulu on Dec. 8 before taking office the next day. While hoping to make the flight back to California in time for his Dec. 9 swearing in, Jones said safety will be his first priority once he takes office.

"In my campaign I was committed to working on the safety of schools. One of those things is to retrofit buildings. I got the impression when I voted for Measure A that it was to retrofit schools first then build a new school. I'm very concerned about this," Jones said.

Like Cain, Jones says he will push for complete evaluations of school buildings, particularly Cornell and the high school, so that the district will have a better idea of retrofit cost requirements.

"We need to envision where the costs are going to be so we can see if we can complete all the projects that need to be done," he said.

While Jones will likely be in a minority position on the board, he said retrofitting could be carried out at the high school first by relocating students to community facilities and possibly using tempo-

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Newsline

Garden club ushers in holidays

EL CERRITO — Humble plastic strawberry baskets transformed into charming and unique ornaments adorn the El Cerrito Garden Club's holiday tree at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

This will highlight the Club's annual holiday luncheon for members and guests on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 11:30 a.m. Children from Windrush School Chorus will entertain, and S. Claus, in the person of Joe Green (Joco the Clown) may park his reindeer and pay a visit. Luncheon reservations may be made by Dec. 2 by calling Lois Smith at 524-3759. Tickets are \$13 for members, with an additional charge of \$2 for guests. Hostesses are Ann West, Georgia Brumbaugh, Leota Turner, Ann Morales, and Audrea Miller.

For more than 30 years, originating designs and making ornaments for the Community tree has been a project of the Club's small arts and crafts section, headed for many years now by Aldean Hom. Ornaments have always incorporated natural materials such as leaves, cones and pods, often combined with "throwaway" items such as wine corks and plastic panty hose "eggs." The tree will remain on display until after New Year, when ornaments may be sold.

Christmas luncheon set

EL CERRITO — The Kensington Area Republican Women (KARW) will have their Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Social time will begin at 12 noon, followed by lunch at 12:30. Reservations should be made by sending a check for \$10 per person, payable to KARW, to Dorothy Champion, 2687 Tamalpais Ave., El Cerrito 94530; telephone 237-4152. Deadline for receipt of check is Nov. 30.

The singing trio, A.J., Vick and Marty, will sing Christmas music of the season. There will be a board meeting (after the meeting is adjourned) to discuss 1997 planning and budgeting.

Members are asked to bring a donation of canned or packaged food for "The Pantry" at Grace Lutheran Church in Richmond.

Checks are gladly accepted and should be made out to Richmond Emergency Food Pantry.

Retired teachers to meet in December

West Contra Costa Division 58 of the California Retired Teachers Association will hold its December meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 32nd and Barrett Ave., Richmond.

The luncheon at 12 noon will be followed by a program. Dr. Parkerson from the Pinole Valley Music Department will present three groups of students: The Womens Oclcl, Promusica Antiqua Madrigal Group, and the Chamber Singers. The program will include a variety of Christmas music and show tunes.

For reservations call 234-3046. Luncheon is \$8.

Albany parks need commissioners

ALBANY — Albany Park and Recreation Commission is seeking Albany residents to serve on the improvement plan sub-committee for Memorial Park. The findings of the sub-committee will be submitted to the Albany Park and Recreation Commission for consideration.

The sub-committee is being formed in order to ensure a diversity of ideas and opinions. The process is expected to last two or three months.

The purpose of the project is to identify areas, issues and items in Memorial Park that need repair and maintenance, modification, replacement or relocation.

Applications are now available at the Recreation and Community Services Department, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., or call 524-9283 and one will be mailed to you.

All completed applications must be received at the Community Center no later than 5 p.m. by Dec. 6.

EC wants fair share of regional fees

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — When she attends next month's meeting of the West Contra Costa County Transportation Advisory Committee, City Councilmember Jane Bartke will vote against any regional submittal fee program that assigns 80 percent of its revenues to improvements on Highway 4.

At a study session on the new fee program Nov. 18, other council members made it clear that they want transportation impact fees imposed on West County developers to go to projects that support mass transit, not more vehicular traffic.

"Somehow it seems that should be more equitable," said council member Mae Ritz. "Fifty-fifty? Something along that line."

"I think it should be 80 percent/20 percent the other way," Mayor Norma Jellison said later in the meeting, "but I would compromise at 50-50."

Monies not designated for Highway 4 improvements (Councilmember Norman La Force characterized that work as "nothing but an expansion project") have been designated to two transit projects, one in El Cerrito. (The second has to do with development around Richmond's BART station). Monies raised will supplement Measure C funds to build a parking garage at the El Cerrito BART station.

Jellison sent her own strong message to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority regarding that project. She told CCTA staff member Martin Engleman that the authority should be asked to justify its reduction of funding assigned to El Cerrito's parking structure by Measure C. More revenues were expected from the 1/2-cent sales tax approved in 1988 than have been generated; projects have taken an across-the-board cut.

Jellison pointed out, however, that the El Cerrito project was the only one assigned a specific amount of money by the voters. Contra Costa County voters approved an allocation of \$5 million for the parking structure. Though other projects were named, they were not assigned specific funding. She feels the au-

thority has overridden the stated message of the voters.

Measure C funding for the garage has been reduced to \$4.5 million. Since the cost is now estimated at \$6 million, \$1.5 million will have to be obtained from the Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program now being established in West County, as required by Measure C.

"Now we're being asked to assess developers to add more revenue to (the reduced Measure C allocation)," said Ritz.

Engleman, however, used the \$1.5 million figure as a justification for Highway 4's receiving the lion's share of fee funding.

He pointed out that El Cerrito, because of its smaller level of development, is projected to generate less than \$200,000 over the life of the program and will thus receive a significant return on its contribution. Richmond and Hercules, which will generate much more revenue in development fees, support the Highway project, he noted.

Council members didn't see that as the point. Both La Force and Ritz said Measure C was not "sold to the voters" as a highway enhancement program. La Force even warned that, if Measure C revenues are seen as a "highway builders trust fund" rather than as support funding for environmentally-oriented transportation alternatives, the voters will turn it down next time.

In general, council members seemed to support a fee program that would charge developers \$700 per single family residence, \$299 per unit in multi-housing projects and 12 cents per square foot for large retail projects (commercial fees would range from 10 cents to 20 cents). That amount should generate about \$4.6 million.

They believe strongly, however, that transit-based development (at least that built within 1/4 mile of a station, should trigger a reduced fee. The question was also raised as to whether infill development should pay as much as "urban sprawl" develop on virgin land.

Five cities must agree on any fee program established in West County: El Cerrito, Richmond, Pinole, San Pablo and Hercules.

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Teacher Feature

Making special education work

By Linda Goldfarb

It takes a unique individual to work with children who have special needs and Albany's Marin School teacher Robin Blum fits the bill perfectly. What brought Robin to the field of Special Education?

"I knew I wanted to work in a therapeutic setting doing some type of social work, and I loved working with kids." Special Education provided the ability for Robin to fulfill both of her desires.

Special Education in schools was relatively new when Robin first entered the field in the mid 70's. Following graduation from UC Berkeley, she enrolled in Cal State Hayward's Masters' Degree and Teaching Credential Program, focusing her studies on Special Education. After working in the Hayward School District for seven years, Robin took a leave to stay home and raise her two young sons, David and Benny, tutoring an occasional student in her home. A few years later, a Resource Specialist position opened up in the Albany School District. "I was really struck by Albany's wonderful reputation. All the teachers I met in the District were very happy." After seven years with Albany, Robin still finds her job exciting. "I love what I do. Every day brings something new, something challenging." Of course, it doesn't hurt to have patience,

wonderful people skills, and flexibility — all qualities Robin exudes.

"I tailor my program to meet the needs of each child," says Robin. "My goal is to bring the children up to their grade level in the areas that are posing difficulty."

Generally, children qualifying for the program have

some degree of learning disability ranging from problems with reading, writing, or mathematics to Attention Deficit Disorder, sensory or orthopedic impairments.

Depending on the number of children in a class requiring extra assistance, Robin will either work with the child (or children) in their classroom, sitting alongside and giving them the extra help they need to understand the lesson; or, if

there is a group of five or six children who, for example, need help with reading, then during their class' regularly-scheduled reading time, they will go to Robin's room and work as a small group on the same or similar assignment.

Robin is very conscious of the need to make sure her students don't feel singled out or different. "I spend a lot of time in the classrooms, the kids

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Marin School teacher Robin Blum helps students with special needs.

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Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

Working with school site councils

Next Monday evening PTA Council will discuss ways PTA can work more closely with the school site councils. Site councils exist at each school site. They are made up of an equal number of parent and teacher representatives, and they receive state funding, based on the size of their school. This funding is known as School Improvement Program funding, or SIP funds.

SIP funds arrive at the school site in the form of a block grant. The amount of the grant fluctuates from year to year. Each year the site council must study the current needs of the school and decide how to allocate the funds. In Albany, SIP funding has paid for teachers' aides, staff development, revisions and updating of curriculum materials, among other things.

Parents are elected to site councils for terms of two years. In some districts, these are

warmly contested elections, because site councils provide parents with access to information as well as power over a small portion of the school budget.

In Albany, many parents are unaware of the site council's function or responsibilities, and site council elections tend to be tepid, almost invisible affairs. Some schools have vacancies on the site councils even at this late date.

PTA Council has been hearing for some time that the site councils feel pressure to approve without question whatever the school principal recommends. Obviously, no Albany principal is going to recommend anything detrimental to the school's programs. However, site councils were not created to rubber-stamp the wish lists of either administration or teachers. Instead, SIP money is given to a group with parent membership so that parental concerns can be addressed in an

ongoing forum.

This year the state has awarded site councils a larger amount of money than usual, and each site council will have a greater responsibility to see that it is well spent.

Site council meetings are open to the public. For information about them, call your school office. Or consider attending PTA Council on Monday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the AMS library.

Other meetings this week:

Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the AMS Library AMS PTA. Topic: Moving up to Albany High School. AHS Counselor Jim Walker will answer parents' questions about the transition for eighth to ninth grade. Included will be a discussion of the new Freshman Renewal Project.

Theater performance: AHS Theater Ensemble presents "While the Lights Were Out," an "off-the-wall murder farce," on Dec. 6, 7, 8, 13, and 14 at the AHS Little Theater. Call the high school for more details.

Continuing steps to redevelop

El Cerrito Plaza

In my last article I discussed the first two steps and their time line for the redevelopment of the El Cerrito Plaza. These steps and timetable apply to any one of the seven proposals since they all seek assistance from the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency. Hence, even the two proposals from owners Bilak and Pentz will have to follow the same steps.

The last article discussed the selection of the developer and the entering into an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement (ENRA) with the developer that is selected. If that runs its usual course, we will be somewhere in May '97 at which time the next step can begin.

The next step is the actual performance of the activities that were negotiated in the ENRA. From the Developer's side this typically includes the preparation of the site plans for the project, a determination of the project feasibility by comparing development costs to projected revenues, identifying financing sources, and conducting the required environmental review (from None to a full Environmental Impact Report). There are many other activities, but this list highlights some of the key ones.

From the Agency's side, it needs to determine the level of environmental review, identify relocation expenses for existing property holders, and work on obtaining property appraisals at the appropriate time, should that be necessary.

In an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement, both the Agency and Developer agree to work together. The Agency agrees that it will not negotiate with another developer, and the developer agrees to focus his

resources on meeting the conditions of the ENRA.

This performance period can take anywhere from nine to 18 months. Based on our hypothetical time line that would place the Agency and developer somewhere between January, '98 to September '98. Much depends on how fast the developer works to complete its tasks.

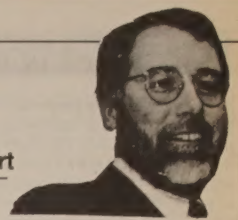
The ENRA period includes negotiating the next agreement which is called the Development and Disposition Agreement or DDA. The DDA commits the developer and Agency to complete the activities that are required to see the project through completion. On the developer's side these include the submission of site plans to the Planning Commission and the Design Review Board for approval, execution of leases with tenants, and deposit of agreed-upon funds for any property that may be acquired through eminent domain or purchase. The Agency's activities include resolving the property ownership issues as agreed upon in the ENRA. This can mean purchasing property owned by others in the project, buying out leases and paying relocation costs, or taking legal action through eminent domain, if that is necessary. The process can take anywhere from nine to 18 months. Our time line is now out to a period between September '98 and May '99.

The next step is contracting for and construction of the project. The Developer must get any other permits that may be required, contract with a general contractor for actual

construction work, and completion of construction. This takes anywhere from 14 months to 24 months. The major portion of time here is how long it will take to do the construction. This phase may also include phasing itself. For example, a developer could agree to first build Phase I of the project and lease that space with new or existing tenants and then move on to Phase II.

However one looks at this, the project will not be complete until around 2000. So, for example, if we take the Bilak proposal and assume it was the project as outlined that the Agency approved, we can see that at the most optimistic, the actual completion of the construction of the proposed Wal-Mart on the property owned by Pentz would be somewhere around December-January 2000.

This is a brief overview of the steps and timetable for the redevelopment of the Plaza. It should be stressed that the initiation of this process was at the request of the Bilak ownership group, which had made a request to the Agency for the redevelopment of the Plaza. Once that the process began with the Request for Proposals (RFP), the Agency is bound by law to follow a set of laws and procedures that apply to all developers who have submitted proposals in response to the RFP. It is the Agency's intention to meet its legal duties in this regard and to redevelop the El Cerrito Plaza in a way that responds to the needs of El Cerrito.



El Cerrito Redevelopment Report

By Norman La Force, Redevelopment agency chair

Obituaries

Marylee Saxton

Many residents of El Cerrito and Albany lost a valued friend, an exceptional and outstanding human being, when Marylee Saxton died on Sunday, Nov. 17, at her home in El Cerrito. She was a native of Billings, Mont., but had spent most of her life in California.

She retired from the Albany School District in June of '83 after 29 years of teaching, but continued to teach as a volunteer in the adult literacy program as well as tutoring educationally handicapped children. She was a very active member of the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley volunteering her time at whatever needed to be done, whether it was answering phones or working in the soup kitchen.

She and her late husband, Earl, had volunteered for years, helping to serve lunch at the Richmond Rescue Mission. She was also an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an educators' fraternity.

Marylee is survived by her daughter Marsha and son-in-law Mark Limont of Berkeley, her son Wayne, his wife Anna-Carin and daughter Heather of Stockholm, Sweden, her grand-daughter Sara Chirinos, her husband Raul and great-grandson, Victor of Fremont; her sisters, Mildred Murphy of Santa Rosa and Evelyn Toste of Tracy and her sister-in-law, Alice Link of Orinda.

She will be greatly missed by her family, her many friends, colleagues and former students. A memorial service will be held at the First Unitarian

Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, at 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5. The family requests that in lieu of floral tributes, donations be made to Handgun Control, Inc., 1225 Eye St. N.W., Ste. 1100, Washington, D.C. 20005

Alanna Lynn Glennon

Lynn Glennon, Marketing Specialist for 13 years with Morrison-O'Hara Awards & Engraving, died at home, from heart failure, in Albany on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Lynn was 37 years old. A native of Albany, Lynn also resided in El Cerrito and Hawaii for a

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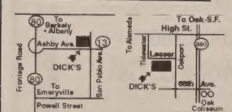
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Santa will be in residence at the El Cerrito Plaza every Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from November 30 to December 21. His hours of residence are: Tuesdays 11 to 3 • Saturday 10 to 5 • Sundays 11 to 3

This will also be the site for the Fire Fighters Toy Program. A toy or a \$5 cash donation will entitle all children under the age of 12 to a free picture with Santa.

Santa's Village

Visit Santa's Village daily 10 to 5 except Tuesdays & Sundays 11 to 3

Santa's Mailbox

Mail a letter to Santa at his P.O. Box located in Santa's Village. Letters will be answered by Santa.

Christmas Coloring Contest

The El Cerrito Plaza is also having a Christmas Coloring Contest. Please pick-up entries at any shop or restaurant in the Plaza. Prizes will be awarded on December 21.

San Pablo Ave. at Carlson



Her father is more than someone to count on

Community Folk

Teacher

Obituaries

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Naomi Hiroshigi, D.D.S. a new member

As far back as she can remember, Naomi Hiroshigi wanted to be a dentist and now, after more than 11 years in practice, she opened her office at 900 Stannage Ave. A graduate of Maryland Dental School, Dr. Hiroshigi has practiced in Japan, Korea and, most recently, Berkeley. Born and raised in Japan, she earned a nutrition degree from UC-Berkeley, knowing the study of nutrition would be a good springboard to help reach her goal as a dentist. While her husband, Stephen, was in the military, she was a civilian dentist wherever he was stationed.

Dr. Hiroshigi tells the story of having a male assistant who was often mistaken for the dentist. She would have to get the attention of the patient to identify herself as the dentist, as many were not familiar with a woman dentist.

"I am in Albany because, having been in the Berkeley area for a while, I found Albany more of a family-oriented community," Dr. Hiroshigi said. "That really attracted me to be in the area."

This petite and always smiling woman's philosophy is, she feels that being a dentist is fulfilling but wants to become a coach for individuals and the community. When a patient enters her office, she sees a person or family and not just a mouth to work on. Dr. Hiroshigi wants to be part of the family and not just the technical things. She is warm and understanding, focusing on the whole family if there is a family problem. She works with the family and enjoys doing so.

As an "on-time" person herself, Dr. Hiroshigi strives not to keep patients waiting to be seen, adding to her gentle technique. Dr. Hiroshigi accepts new patients and emergencies.

Her receptionist and business manager, Sue Isokawa, is her "girl Friday." Sue knows many of the patients, as she worked in the same

office for the previous dentist. She wants to remind patients of services provided, such as whitening, dentures, mouth guards, especially for children in sports, and giving advice to protect teeth and gums.

In her off-duty hours Dr. Hiroshigi loves to garden and spend as much time as possible with her son Christopher, eight, and daughter Catherine, seven.

Soroptimists sell entertainment books

Albany Soroptimists are raising funds by selling the Entertainment Books. Each book contains hundreds of two-for-one and 50 percent discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events, sports and more. The books are just \$40, with a portion of the proceeds going to help fund Albany Schools and other Albany organizations. To order, contact Pat Tschamer at 525-3902. The books are also available at the Albany Chamber of Commerce. Books are sold through December.

Donate a toy — Get a chiropractic exam

During the month of December, Dr. Jay Bunker will be doing all examinations in exchange for a donation of a toy to "Toys for Tots." According to Dr. Bunker, chiropractic care is good for the whole family.

He encourages parents to have their children checked for spinal problems now to promote good health and help prevent chronic problems later in life. Falls, postural imbalances and the trauma of being born are some of the things that can cause spinal misalignments in children. Adults are also encouraged to take advantage of this offer.

Phone Dr. Bunker's office at 528-3058 to schedule an examination, and bring either a new toy or one in new condition with you to the ap-

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



Naomi Hiroshigi, D. D. S.

pointment. His office is located at 1304 Solano Ave. near Key Route.

YMCA'S Holiday Craft Fair

Unique items for gift-giving or a deserved treat for yourself are available at the Albany YMCA's Holiday Craft Fair, Saturday, Dec. (7?), 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 921 Kains Ave. All items are handcrafted, most by local artists. Raffle drawings will be held throughout the day, with all prizes donated by the artists. Proceeds will benefit the YMCA's youth program.

Albany California sweatshirts and T-shirts

A reminder for a great holiday gift: "Albany California"

sweatshirts and T-shirts are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1108 Solano Ave. The shirts have been personally given or mailed to almost every country in the world, given as holiday gifts, birthdays, or from people visiting friends and relatives.

Adult sweatshirts are \$19 and T-shirts are \$11.

Children's T-shirts are \$8.50. The Chamber also has a supply of Howdy Doody shirts that sell for \$10. The office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Albany Christmas '96

Look for the window posters "Albany Christmas '96" identifying participating stores who will have free drawing coupons on counters which shoppers may fill in for a chance to win one of many prizes donated by merchants.

First prize is \$100, donated by the Chamber of Commerce. The drawing will be held Dec. 20 at the Chamber office.

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West County School Watch

Coming together for public education

By Glen Price

As we come together with our friends and family to take a break from our regular school and work activities to celebrate Thanksgiving, let's say a special thank you to everyone in our community, teachers, classified employees, parents, and businesses who have contributed so much to public education in West County. With the tremendous community effort to successfully pass Measure E, this has certainly been a year we can all be thankful for.

Alliance Lifts Off

Speaking of community effort, for several months, a group of parents, community members, teachers, classified employees, business representatives and administrators have been meeting to plan the launch of the Alliance for Public Education.

Responding to the deep needs in our school district, the "Alliance" seeks to mobilize public support for education by bringing together all segments of the community around this common aim. Although there are a number of groups in our community working around issues related to public education, the Alliance is attempting to like them together around common goals.

Some of the initial organizations coming together to form the Alliance have included NAACP Richmond, United Teachers of Richmond, League of Women Voters, Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and the Public Employees Union, Local #1.

A major thrust of the Alliance will be educational, providing the public with information on important educational issues facing the community. These activities are set to kick off with a public seminar on "Creating

Safe Environments for Learning and Teaching," which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Wilson Elementary School Multipurpose Room from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free and the public is warmly invited.

Confusion on district volunteer policy

Over the last few weeks several schools in the district have informed volunteers that in order to continue working in the school they must take a TB test and be fingerprinted at the District office. The sudden implementation of apparently long-standing district policy caught volunteers by surprise.

Schools hoping to organize on-site testing and fingerprinting were told their efforts would not be covered under the district's insurance liability policy.

Implementation of the policy appears to be uneven as my random survey of five active volunteers at five different schools revealed only two had been informed of the need for testing.

While there is widespread support for TB testing and fingerprinting, concern was expressed about the suddenness of the policy's implementation well after the start of the school year. For many working parents and volunteers, going to the downtown administrative office up to three times to complete testing is a hardship and a disincentive to volunteering.

I would like to use this column to help get the word on solutions to this problem. Can local health clinics and police stations step in and provide these services? What is your school doing to comply with these district regulations? (Email me at pakglenn@aol.com or fax me at 528-0445)

Support needed for KECG

Last summer, KECG (88.1 FM), the radio station of El Cerrito High School, became the voice of the West Contra Costa

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The City of Berkeley is requesting proposals for housing, community development, and community services programs that benefit low and moderate income people living in Berkeley. Information on the allocation schedule, eligible activities and application forms are available from the Office of Special Community Services Department located on the 2nd floor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Center Building, 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, California.

Completed applications must be received no later than 2 p.m., Friday, December 20, 1996.

All proposals will be evaluated and contracts awarded to selected agencies by decision of the Berkeley City Council.

If you have any questions, contact Teri Piccolo or Marianne Graham at 644-6002.



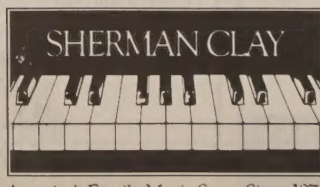
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Goings on About Town

Events, meetings, classes...

Anne Read Smith will read from the second edition of *Building Children's Self-Esteem: A Creative Behavior Handbook for After-School Child Care* at 7 p.m. on Dec. 3 at M.C. Newburn Books, 950 San Pablo Ave. 524-1370.

Around-The-Clock HIV and STD Testing at the Berkeley Free Clinic, 2339 Durant Ave. on Dec. 1, World AIDS Day. 644-0425.

Benefit for AIDS advocacy of East Bay Art Up: Art auction from 5-7 p.m. on Dec. 1 at Berkeley Store Gallery, 2295 Shattuck at Bancroft. Entertainment and free refreshments. Jeff Getty will speak.

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1606 Bonita Ave. at Cedar St. Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Dinner and program from 1-4 p.m. \$4 adults, \$2 kids. Bring a side dish or dessert. 654-8265 to reserve spot.

Berkeley Fire Fighters Association, Through Dec. 20: Collection of canned goods and cash donations for the Christmas Food Drive to benefit senior citizens. Call 644-6926.

Berkeley Hiking Club, Dec. 1: San Pedro Park. Pacifica. 532-6379. Mini hike—Morgan Territory. 843-5738.

Cal Postmasters meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at 120C Bechtel Hall, UC Berkeley campus.

Candlelight Ceremony celebrating spirit of the holidays will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 5 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park in downtown Berkeley.

Christmas Sale at the Turnabout Shop, 10052 San Pablo, on Nov. 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Co-housing slide show will be presented by Kathryn McCamant on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the offices of the CoHousing Company, 1250 Addison St., Suite 113. \$5 requested donation.

Defending Our Lives, a documentary about women imprisoned for killing their abusers, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 1 at La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568. \$3-10. At the same location on Dec. 4, *Mickey Mouse Goes to Hain*, a short film, will be shown at 7:30 p.m., followed by a discussion about Bay Area actions for international week. \$5-8.

Gaia Books, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 484-4172. All events \$3 and at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Dec. 1: Marcia Falk, *The Book of Blessings*. Dec. 2: Richard Carlson, *Handbook for the Heart*. Dec. 4: Richard Klein, *Eat Fat*.

Gay Men's Spiritual Retreat at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 1 at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar at Bonita St. 841-4824. Children's Program: childcare for toddlers; classes

for preschool through junior high. 526-0972.

Special Holiday Swimming schedule on Nov. 28, 29 at Albany Pool, 1311 Portland Ave. 559-6640. Lap swim will be from 7 to 11 a.m. on Thursday and from 6-7:55 a.m., 12 noon to 12:55 p.m., and 6:30 to 7:25 p.m. on Friday. Recreational: 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 7:30-9:20 p.m. both days.

Lawrence Hall of Science, Centennial Drive below Grizzly Peak Blvd. 642-5132. Saturdays and Sundays: Holt Planetarium at 1, 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$2 per ticket. Saturdays: Computer Lab at 1, 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$5 per adult/child team. Recommended for children 5 and up. Free stargazing from nightfall to 11 p.m. Through Jan. 19: "Brain Games," a colorful, interactive exhibition featuring games designed to stimulate your mind.

Mick Berry will perform his new one-man show, *Dad Fought Hitler, The Bottle, and Me* Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21 at Cafe De La Paz, 1600 Shattuck Ave. \$5.

Noon Poetry in the Morrison Room of the Doe Library at U.C. Berkeley. All readings from 12:10 to 12:50. Dec. 5: Lorna Dee Cervantes, *From the Cables of Genocide: Poems on Love and Hunger*.

Nyngma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. 843-6812. Dec. 1: "Stories of the Buddha's Past Lives" from 6-7 p.m.

Poetry for the People—Berkeley High School Student Readings at 7:30 p.m. at La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568.

REI, 1338 San Pablo Ave. 527-4140. Dec. 5: Sierra Snowshoeing lecture at 7 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner including traditional, vegetarian and vegan fare, from 2-5 p.m. on Nov. 28 at the Brick Hut Cafe, 2512 San Pablo Ave. 486-1125. \$10 adults/\$5 children and seniors. Reservations recommended.

Vegan/Vegetarian Thanksgiving Dinner at 2 p.m. Nov. 28 at the Clubhouse at John Hinkel Park. \$5 if providing enough food for six people to potluck, \$10 if not. \$3.50 children under 12. 526-5346. Reservations necessary.

University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370. Women's Career Network is free to YWCA members and \$20 for nonmembers. Nov. 26: Lecture by Belinda Taylor on Careers in Journalism, Nonprofit Arts, from noon-1 p.m. \$3.

Performances

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 525-5054. Nov. 29: California Cajon Orchestra at 9:30 p.m. \$8. Nov.

30: Jungular Grooves at 9:30. African Rhythm Messengers at 11:30 p.m. \$8.

Berkeley Store Gallery, 2295 Shattuck at Bancroft. Through Dec. 7: Impact Theatre presents "Sexual Perversity in Chicago." 8 p.m. Fri, Sat. 2 p.m. Sun. \$5 students, TBA members/\$10 general.

First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way at Dana. Dec. 1: Music for Five Historical Harps from Five Centuries at 8 p.m. \$15. 759-1028.

Freight and Salvage, 1111 Addison St. 548-1761. Music at 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Nov. 29: Celtic Elvis. Nov. 30: Laurie Lewis w/ Tom Rozum, Nina Gerber and Todd Phillips.

Going Back, an Actors Ensemble Workshop by Dolores Cook, will be held at Live Oak Theatre, Shattuck and Berryman, on Nov. 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. Free.

Hertz Hall, University of California at Berkeley. 653-3213. Dec. 4: Holiday Choral Music from 12:15-1 p.m. Free.

"The Juggling Tornado" Mark Bunnell and singer Randy McCombs will be at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. and Masonic on Dec. 1. 524-9283.

Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave. THE-TAPS. Nov. 29: Dave Creamer Duo at 6 p.m. Fred Zimmerman Trio at 9 p.m. Nov. 30: Fox and Katz at 9 p.m.

"Stormy Weather", a musical to benefit Albany-Berkeley Independent Elders Network, will be performed at Black Repertory Group theater Sunday, Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. \$13. 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. 525-2120.

Templebar, 984 University Ave. Nov. 28: The Tropics at 9:30 p.m.

Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St. Nov. 30: Music of Dan Crafts with sopranos Karen Carle and Deborah Benedict, with pianist Charles Worth, at 8 p.m.

Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 652-9200. All shows at 8 and 10 p.m. Through Dec. 1: Ray Brown Trio featuring Benny Green. \$15 Wed, Thur/ \$18 Fri, Sat, Sun. Dec. 2: After The End of the World Corset. \$8 general. \$6 Jazz In Flight members. Dec. 3-8: Branford Marsalis Trio. \$22 Tue—Thurs/\$22 Fri, Sat, Sun.

Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley campus. Nov. 30 at 8 p.m.: George Crumb's *Echoes of Time and the River*, a violin concerto with Stuart Canin performing Stravinsky, and Sibelius' Symphony no. 2. \$19-35. 841-2800 or 642-9988.

Religious activities

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Ave., 525-1716, celebrates Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m. Sundays, and on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 28: Sermon at 10 a.m. Dec. 1: Margarita Ortiz-Swetman will preach. A potluck breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. with a collection of nonperishable food items for local food pantries.

Berkeley Hillel, 2736 Bancroft Way. 845-7793. Sundays: Israel Action Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. 845-9797 or 841-1687. Israeli Folk Dancing at 7:30 p.m. All welcome. Tuesdays: Jewish Student Union meeting at 7 p.m. Fridays: Eat bagels and talk with Rabbi Rona at 12 noon. Time TBA: Hebrew speaking session. 843-3833.

Exhibits

Albany Recreation and Community Services Department, 1249 Marin Ave. Through Dec. 2: "Artis Paper and Paper Art," by Victoria Chow Pearson.

A Life's Journey in Self Portraits: 1969-1996, by Lisa Evans, will be exhibited through Dec. 21 at the Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291. Open Mon.—Fri. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-5:30 p.m. Exclusively by appointment on weekends.

Art at Zia will be exhibited at Zia Houseworks, 1310 Tenth Street at Gilman, from Nov. 29—Dec. 31.

Art from the Heart will be on exhibit Dec. 2—Jan. 12 at the National Institute of Art and Disabilities, 551 23 St. near Barrett, Richmond.

"Ball Inside Me", paintings by Thomas V. Siporin, will be on exhibit through Dec. 7 at Siporin Family Arts, 6121 Hollis St., Emeryville. 653-7467.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. 848-0237. "My Family's Routes and Roots" will be on display from Dec. 3—January 26, 1997. Ext. 118.

Berkeley Store Gallery: Silent Art Auction for AIDS Advocacy. Works by 60 established and emerging artists. Through Dec. 1. 2295 Shattuck Ave. 568-1680/655-9496.

Dharma Publishing Art Gallery, 2910 San Pablo Ave. 548-5407. Through April 26, 1997: Sacred Mandalas: The Art and Books of Tibet. \$5 general/\$3 students, seniors/under 12 free.

Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. 549-6950. Through April

1997: "Forging an Identity: The Art of the Yemenite Silversmith."

La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568. Dec. 1: Art opening/reception. "African Spirit" paintings/collages of artist Zero Aakil-bey. Poetry, music, refreshments. 3-5 p.m. Free. The exhibit will run until Dec. 31.

Off Center Gallery, 2136 Oxford St. Through January 15, 1997: "Gift Show." 644-9695.

Open Studios of Berkeley Artisans. 11-5 p.m. weekends. Nov. 30, Dec. 1; 7:8; 14, 15; 21, 22. Free. Maps available at 1250 Addison #214. 845-2612.

"Science Imagined," Artists' Book Exhibition will run through Dec. 29 at Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak Park.

University Art Museum, 2626 Bancroft Ave. Through Dec. 1: An Eternity of Forest: Paintings by Mbuti Women. Through Dec. 31: Tchai MATRIX. The Gardens of Le Notre: Photographs by Becky Cohen.

Support groups, self-help

American Schizophrenia Association - Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Dec. 4, 7 p.m., at the Claremont Branch Library, Berkeley. 841-8361.

Avatar Toastmasters, Thursdays: Public Speaking Skills and metaphysics come together. 2515 Hillegas at Dwight, Berkeley, at 6:15 p.m. 643-7645, 848-6510.

East Bay Leads Club. Weekly meeting, Wednesdays at 7:45. Kaiser Center Cafeteria, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. 601-6325.

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Fibromyalgia Support Group meets fourth Tuesday of each month. Bates, Herrick Campus, 2000 Way, Berkeley. Dr. Sylvia Pines on sleep problems. She is a volunteer for study. For information call 415-476-5881.

Healthcare for Life, a winning program designed to help about health problems, adults and how to care for them will be held during November at Oakland Medical Center, Suite 300 in Berkeley and St. Joseph in Berkeley. 596-6176.

Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay, 3440 Ave., Suite 210. 704-7471.

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Fire Department News

Make the holidays a safe celebration

By Marc McGinn
Albany Fire Chief

Two people died during an early morning fire that had started when an electrical extension cord supplying their Christmas tree lights was overloaded. There were no smoke detectors to alert people of the fire.

When the two occupants returned early in the evening from a short Christmas vacation in December of 1994, they turned on the lights to their Christmas tree which was located in the living room. When they went to bed later that evening, they left the lights on their tree. At 1:55 a.m., a neighbor across the street noticed flames coming from the house and called 911.

Firefighters found the couple dead in their bedroom. The woman was by the bedroom door, and the

man was near the bed. His hands were cut, apparently from trying to break the bedroom window to escape. A dresser that was placed in front of the window had hindered his attempt to escape.

Investigators traced the fire to the electrical extension cord that supplied the Christmas tree lights. The dry Christmas tree had not been watered while the occupants were away, and with no detectors in the house, the heat and smoke spread undetected.

Although this happened in Michigan, it is a perennial problem throughout the U.S. during this time of year. There are seven simple precautions that you can take to avoid such a tragedy:

- 1) Never leave your house or go to sleep with your tree lights on!
- 2) Make sure you have a work-

ing smoke detector in every living area, hallway, and bedroom. If you think your detector is older than 10 years, replace them now.

3) Keep your tree in water at all times, this will keep it from drying out.

4) Make sure your tree lights are in good working order. Examine the cord.

5) If you use extension cords, use 16 gauge minimum, 14 or 12 gauge is better.

6) Have a minimum 2A10BC rated extinguisher near the exit. Is it charged?

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Hilltop Mall offering free holiday activities for kids

Live concerts, ballet performances and Santa visits are just a few of the many holiday activities offered at Hilltop shopping center in Richmond this season.

The holiday activities are underway and continue daily through Dec. 24. "Most of our holiday activities appeal to children and families," says Diana Jan-Coelho, Marketing Director at Hilltop. "Our holiday decor throughout the center also has children in mind. We've decorated Hilltop with a Sesame Street twist and will have Sesame Street characters make special appearances to meet in person with the children."

Here's a roundup of holiday fun at Hilltop:

Santa's arrival

Santa Claus arrived at Hilltop Saturday, Nov. 23 and was greeted by Roscoe Orman, who plays the beloved Gordon character on Sesame Street.

Santa will remain at Hilltop through Dec. 24 to visit with children and pose for keepsake photos.

Prices for photos begin at \$7.

Ballet performances:

The Oakland Ballet will present free excerpts of the famed Nutcracker ballet at Hilltop Nov. 30. Principle dancers from the ballet company will stage two 30-minute shows at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The performances will feature some of the most famous moments from the show, including the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, the Russian Licorice Dance and the Chinese Tea Dance. At the performance there will be a drawing for tickets to see the Oakland Ballet's full performance of "The Nutcracker" at the Paramount Theatre in December.

Meet Elmo of Sesame Street

That other guy in the red suit, Elmo, will greet children in person Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Hilltop. Elmo's appearance fits with Hilltop's overall Sesame Street approach to the holidays.

Letters to Santa

From Nov. 29 through Dec. 17, children can write to Santa at Hilltop and send their letters through

the North Polestar Service. The service is a magical tube that whisks the letters of to Santa amid flashing lights and delightful noises. And here's the best part: Those who write before December 17 will receive a letter back from Santa by Dec. 24.

Holiday concerts

Hilltop will present live holiday music concerts every Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon in December through Dec. 22 from 3-5 p.m. (excluding Dec. 7). The range of musicians will include something for all musical tastes.

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Albany resident wins media award

ALBANY — Resident Karen Holzmeister has been named the recipient of this year's media award from the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners.

Holzmeister covers city government and politics for The Daily Review newspaper in Hayward.

She was nominated by the Hayward Library Commission for outstanding coverage of the Hayward library system for the last 12 years. The association is composed of elected and appointed trustees and commissioners for public

libraries in cities and counties throughout the state.

The nomination cited her coverage of issues such as the proposed renaming of the main library after Cesar Chavez, library efforts to get a larger share of the annual city budget, and attempts to add new library buildings, books and equipment.

Holzmeister is the daughter of Ralph Holzmeister of Albany and the late Ellen Holzmeister.

Holzmeister is a graduate of Albany High School. She received a bachelor's degree in social sciences

and journalism from California State University, Hayward, and a master's degree in journalism from the University of Kansas.

She worked for the Daily Commercial News, a San Francisco business newspaper, before joining The Review in 1973.

She has received top reporting awards from the Associated Press, San Francisco Press Club, American Cancer Society and California Taxpayers Association. She was named alumna of the year by the Cal State Department of Mass Communications in 1992.

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Watch

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Unified School District, with the installation of a transponder which enabled the station's signal to be heard as far north as Hercules, effectively covering the entire district. The station provides high school students the opportunity to gain broadcast and radio station operation experience during the school day and serves the community by broadcasting school board meetings (first and third Wednesday evenings of the month) and community talk show programs (including Parent Talk) on the weekend.

Apparently, the expanded signal conflicted with a Christian radio station broadcasting from north of Helena which successfully petitioned the FCC to shut down the KECG transponder. Philip Morgan, language arts and radio instructor at El Cerrito High School, is collecting letters from the community to deliver to the FCC to ask that the transponder be reopened. Address your letter to James Crutchfield, FCC, 1919 M Street NW, Washington D.C., 20554. Send it to Mr. Morgan (El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury, El Cerrito, 94530) so that he can deliver them together to the FCC.

Congratulations to KEF!

Special congratulations to all of the many volunteers who pulled off another wildly successful Kensington Education Foundation Garden Party on Nov. 16. In spite of the rains, the event drew over 500 people and featured the live jazz sounds of the Jazzy Daddies, piano music by Jeanne Grooms, and culminated with the always high energy rock and roll of the Blues Daddies featuring a special guest appearance by the blues Daughters of Portola Middle School. Special guest chefs from Chez Panisse, Cafe Select, and Nadine's and coffees by Espresso a la Carte highlighted the evening's menu. The entire event was expertly coordinated by KEF board member Chuck Toombs now in his second year in the role of Garden Party Chair.

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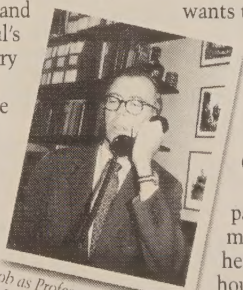
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Musical performance that does more than entertain

Tradition of oral history in songs of a capella Cultural Heritage Choir

By Jenifer Kay Hood

Linda Tillery is a multi-talented singer with an international reputation which includes a stint with Bobby MacFerrin's Voicestra, and while she wouldn't turn her back on major success should it knock on her Diamond district door, she is happy with the niche she has carved for herself locally.

As a young child Tillery listened to the music her parents brought to their home in San Francisco. "We had this huge console, I would listen to everything. I knew nothing about styles but jazz drew me most of all," she recalled. Following this early listening, Tillery enrolled in the music program at her junior high school, where she mastered the string bass and reading music. After that she played with various rock, soul, rhythm and blues and jazz bands throughout the Bay Area, including the fondly remembered Zazu Pitts Memorial Orchestra and the Loading Zone.

Although she hasn't reached

the same heights as some of her friends and contemporaries, her solo recordings have found a strong following. Tillery won a Bammy (Bay Area Music Award) for "Best Independently Produced Album" and was twice named "Outstanding Female Vocalist" at the Bay Area Jazz Awards. Meanwhile she continued to work what musicians call "casuals" — bar mitzvahs, weddings, proms and alike — while spending the rest of her time "hanging out in rarefied areas with Santana, Tower of Power, the Pointer Sisters, a unique musical family or 'hang' as we would say now."

A capella group

Today Tillery is devoting her attention to traditional musical forms, particularly African-American music. As a consequence of this new interest, she has formed the five-member a cappella group, the Cultural Heritage Choir, which will be performing Nov. 29-30 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave.

The group, along with singing

percussionists, Crosspulse, will present "A Celebration of the Spirit." The 8 p.m. shows are sponsored by the S.F. Live Arts.

"My primary instrument is voice. We perform songs from certain field recordings rearranged to suit our sound. It's been a tremendous and positive experience for me," Tillery said of her group's sound and mission. "I believe that this music we're singing now is a fundamental, essential part of American music history. There are elements of it in most of the music we've been listening to in the past fifty years."

She is also in the middle of an oral history project, interviewing elderly African-Americans about their musical memories.

Tillery explained that most of the music she has discovered in the process is distinctly African-American in origin, and that origin was obscured because there was not a lot of attention paid to African-American singing.

Pieces of history

"Journalists that would comment about singing of slaves wrote

The five-member a cappella group Cultural Heritage Choir performs Nov. 29-30 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley.

that it wasn't worth paying attention to. In the case of certain hymns, like 'Leaning On the Everlasting Arms,' they would be re-created by whites. Yet in the earlier stages of development it was an African-American song."

Tillery lamented that people in this country are not educated to where music comes from in part because there are so many cultural influences that it is deemed easier to just lump everything together as part of the melting pot. Yet the singer explained that by doing so the dominance of the African-American influence is lost.

"This music holds memories that are almost sacred in nature. It came from time when one's survival was at stake, so I call it 'survival music.' It is music that



Linda Tillery and The Cultural Heritage Choir

is universal in nature.

It was a product of the personal challenges people met, and some of the music is imbedded in the national consciousness.

For example, "Wait in the Water." People don't know where it came from but they associate it with Harriet Tubman. A song like "Michael, Row Your Boat Ashore" started as a West Indian spiritual."

The singer, songwriter and amateur musicologist attributes much of her interest and devotion

to music to her parents.

As a result she now claims that she will listen to anything. Yet the idea that we are aware of our musical heritage matter what we listen to is a mission to Tillery.

"In my own mind, it's important that we remember where we all come from. It's important to the development of this country than all the things, and certainly more sustaining."

East Bay Events

Albany orchestra performs



Ernie Douglas, conductor

The 60-member Albany Community Orchestra will present a free public concert on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater at Albany High School. The program will feature music purchased for the orchestra by the Albany chapter of Soroptimist International, the professional women's organization devoted to promoting civic projects in Albany.

The featured work on the program will be the *New World Symphony* by Antonin Dvorak, the 19th century Czech composer who wrote the music during his three-year residence in the United States. Although many themes in the symphony are original with the composer, they were inspired by Native American songs and melodies from the African American population.

Conducted by Ernest Douglas, the program will open with Beethoven's *Egmont Overture*, followed by a concerto grosso by Corelli, the well known *Christmas Concerto*. Featured in the latter work will be violinist Ann Clements and Peter Schroeder as well as cellist Edas Naranjo.

The Albany Community Orchestra, now in its 21st season, is sponsored by the Albany Adult School and is made up of adult musicians from throughout the East Bay.

Plan to sing the 'Messiah'

St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley, renews a joyous Christmas tradition with a Messiah Sing-Along on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m.

David Hunsberger is the orchestra and David Romadonoff conducts.

A \$5 donation is requested, and music may be purchased at the door.

Open Studios starts this weekend

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'Finzi-Continis': the elegant life restored

By Renata Polt

While filmmakers are laboring away making new films, too many of them so forgettable that I'm often hard-pressed to remember what I reviewed the week before, film restorers, bless their little hearts, are working just as hard saving old treasures from video hell. Which means that instead of wasting time on, say, *High School High*, you might have gotten your kicks recently at a masterpiece like *Vertigo*. Or Vittorio de Sica's *The Garden of the Finzi-Continis*, playing at San Francisco's Embarcadero Cinema.

"Garden," based on Giorgio Bassani's autobiographical novel, is as cool as its subject is searingly emotional. It's set in Ferrara, Italy, in the years from 1938 to 1943. Street rallies proclaim the glory of "Il Duce" (Mussolini), and Hitler's Nuremberg Laws are being adopted little by little in Italy. The Jews are expelled from the tennis club, then the public schools, the universities, the libraries, the professions.

Meanwhile, the aristocratic Jewish Finzi-Contini family maintain their luxurious lifestyle behind the walls of their "garden," really a good-sized city park. "The Finzi-Continis never leave their castle," says one young man, among a group invited for tennis at the Finzi-Continis' private court after the Jews have been thrown out of the tennis club. The large group of white-clad young people act nonchalant, as if the new regulations barely touched their lives. Most of them are Jewish, with the exception of the handsome Com-



Dominique Sanda as Micol: passion for her brother?

munist Malnate (Fabio Testi), a newcomer in the town.

Like other young men, Malnate is attracted to Micol Finzi-Contini (Dominique Sanda at her most coolly gorgeous). But Micol's most ardent suitor is the literature student Giorgio (Lino Capolicchio), her childhood

friend, whom she flirts with but repeatedly turns away. In fact, Micol's passion seems reserved for her frail brother, Alberto (Helmut Berger), who barely leaves the estate. The relationship between the siblings smacks of decadence without anything overt ever being shown: They ca-

ress each other, and Alberto Micol a walnut-size diamond which she wears on her engagement-ring finger.

Without being capable of doing any action, the languorous Micol seems more precious to the others. When Micol relates about what she'll be when she's old, Alberto says, "we live, we'll know."

But Alberto's health is failing. If the film were set today, we say he had AIDS. Back then, it was tuberculosis. His is a literary illness, suggesting moral as well as physical weakness.

Giorgio pines for Micol, argues with his father, who thinks Mussolini is all that. At least he's better than Hitler. The father takes the precaution of sending Giorgio's young brother, Ernesto, away to France where he learns of the concentration camps.

Giorgio's bourgeois father learns the lessons of the Holocaust more rapidly than the law sheltered Finzi-Continis, "hardly even seem Jewish," Giorgio's father puts it.

The Garden of the Finzi-Continis is more the story of Giorgio and his coming of age than it is of the title character, who are so elegant (read: ideal) that they don't even have a suitcase when they're arrested by the Italian police and taken with the rest of the Jews.

Their way of life, like a garden, is doomed to be abandoned. People like Giorgio know how to live and how to suffer, are the survivors.

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OUT AND ABOUT

By Frosene Phillips

The first time I witnessed a performance of comic/magician Paul Kozak, I was spellbound. The 6'4" Pittsburgh native commands a presence and talent that inspire awe. Using his honed ability to make you laugh and mesmerize you, it was an unforgettable experience.

While his list of appearances include such stints as performing for Prince Charles and Lady Di at the "London Palladium" and "Evening at the Improv," word is that Kozak is scheduled to become the contract heir of Siegfried and Roy at the Mirage in Las Vegas.

The Bay Area does not have to wait that long, however. Kozak is in town this week at Tommy T's in San Ramon through Sunday and worth any drive in my book. In addition to regular showtimes, he has added a special "Kids and Family" show on Saturday at 2 p.m. The price is \$4 and kids under 3 are free. With the Thanksgiving weekend bringing families together, tickets should move quickly. Paul Kozak will perform two shows nightly. For ticket information call Tommy T's box office at (510) 743-1500.

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MUSICAL NOTES: Mike Vax is at it again with his Alice Arts Center Jazz Orchestra. The musical director of AACJO tells me that they will be performing some jazz arrangements of holiday music and some terrific big band hits of past and present. The holiday concert is Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. at the Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St. in Oakland. Count on a first-rate musical experience here as the 19-piece big band is comprised of many of the Bay Area's finest musicians. Tickets are \$12 (\$10 advance by mail) and \$8 for students and seniors. Parking is plentiful. For tickets and information call Mike Vax Music Productions at (510) 427-6666 or fax at (510) 427-6789. City Center kicks off its annual Mayor's toy drive and holiday season with a free concert by the Sonos Handbell Ensemble and Nutcracker ballet characters Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. On Friday, Dec. 6 they will present a Hanukkah celebration at noon with a concert by Rebbe Soul. City Center is located at 12th and Broadway in downtown Oakland.

WEEKEND SCENE: Mose Allison at Kimball's East...Orquesta Peru Friday and Tito Garcia Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...Bob Schoen Quartet Wednesday at Cafe Caracas...John Schott Duo Friday and Mark Holzinger Duo Saturday at Daniel's in Albany...Live Music Sunday afternoon in the Courtyard at Jack London Village...John Turk Thursday and Sunday at the Ramada Inn...Jazmin Thursday, Lilli & the Jazz Doctors Friday and Vivian Perry Sunday in the Terrace Room at the Lake Merritt Hotel...Nob Hill Sounds Friday at the Oakland Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Piedmont Veterans Memorial Building.

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■ Martin Snapp

Never Say Die: What is it about college football that turns perfectly normal people like me into raving loonies?

Why was I decked out from head to toe in a silly outfit of blue and gold, screaming insults at anyone or anything in red?

It was because last Saturday was the traditional day for the end-of-the-year football arch-rivalries, the day when Cal plays Stanford, Michigan plays Ohio State, and — in my case — when UCLA plays USC.

Not that I went to UCLA; I went to Yale. But my big brother, whom I worshipped as any little brother does, was at UCLA when I was a boy, and that was enough to turn me into a raving Bruin fan for life. (You have to stay true to the myths of your childhood, right?) So I flew down to LA, and my brother and I went to the game.

Now, I know most of you are Cal fans, and you think of UCLA as the something akin to Oz, the Great and Powerful.

But for us Bruin fans, UCLA seems more like Dorothy, the Small and Meek. That's because we inhabit the same city as the biggest, baddest football factory of them all — the mighty Trojans of USC. The one with five — or is it six? — Heisman trophy winners, and all those 350-pound linemen.

So for us, UCLA vs. USC is always David vs. Goliath. And in real life, Goliath usually wins. To be a UCLA fan is always an exercise in masochism, like rooting for the Brooklyn Dodgers against the New York Yankees, or Apple vs. Microsoft.

And for most of the game, that's exactly the way it looked. The Trojans ran right through, around, and over us. It was boys vs. men. Time after time, we had to endure the sight of the Trojan mascot celebrating another touchdown by riding around on a white horse while the USC band played the "March of the Trojan Warriors."

Back in the UCLA rooting section, the mood was getting pretty glum. With only six minutes to go our boys were down by 17 points, and USC had the ball. Not a soul in the stadium thought UCLA had a chance.

I can't describe what happened then. I was there, and even I don't believe it happened. Somehow USC fumbled, and we recovered, and to make a long story short, UCLA won in double overtime, 48-41. There was pandemonium on the field, pandemonium in the stands, and I'm still hoarse from jumping up and down and screaming.

And my brother? He wasn't there. Like everyone else, he was sure UCLA was dead meat. So he left at halftime and drove home.

Now, I know this is silly. I know that college football is actually little more than a farm system for the pros. I know about Lawrence Phillips and Christian Peter and all the other thugs and hoodlums in uniform.

But sometimes, just sometimes, something happens that reminds you of what Grantland Rice was talking about when he said, "It doesn't matter whether you win or lose, but how you play the game."

The same day that UCLA beat SC, Yale lost to its arch-rival, Harvard, in what was Yale coach Carmen Cozza's last game. I'm sorry Yale lost, mostly because I would have liked to see Cozza go out on a winning note.

His finest moment came during his worst moment: the infamous 1969 game against Harvard. Both teams went into that final game undefeated; and for Yale, it was probably the greatest Yale team ever. On it were two stars who went on to the NFL: Brian Dowling (the model for Doonesbury's "B.D.") and Calvin Hill, who played many years for the Dallas Cowboys (and is the father of Detroit Pistons star Grant Hill.)

Here's what happened. With only 42 seconds to go, Yale had the ball and a 29-13 lead. There was no way the Elis weren't going to win. No way.

Way. The Yale fullback fumbled the ball, and Harvard recovered and scored a quick touchdown. They made an on-side kick and scored another touchdown with no time on the clock, ending the game in a 29-29 tie.

The next day, the headline in the Harvard *Crimson* read, "Harvard defeats Yale, 29-29."

And painful as it is for all Yalies to admit it, the headline was right on target. To this day, the 1969 game is known in Cambridge as "the greatest victory in Harvard history." And in New Haven, it's known as "the worst defeat in Yale history."

But what nobody knew until Dowling and Hill revealed it in the current issue of the Yale alumni magazine is that during that last Harvard drive they went up to Cozza and begged him to put them in the game on defense. After all, even though they were offensive stars, they were better athletes than the whole defensive lineup combined.

Cozza refused. "I'm sorry, I can't do that," he said. "Think of what it would do to those young men who have played those positions all year long."

Carm Cozza may have "lost" that 1969 game, and he lost last Saturday, but he always has been and always will be a winner.

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Grants

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the OTS, such a move would have been illegal. The grant would have been paid on a quarterly basis, reimbursing the city for the two officers' time.

While the grant stipulated Palmini spend 75 percent of his man hours on the program and Clemons 25 percent, according to Murdo's staff report, the two would have performed the duties during overtime — at a rate of \$44.80 per hour, or 50 percent higher than their normal \$29.57 rate. As calculated by Murdo, the two would have worked on the program for 476 hours during the year-long grant period.

The grant, as submitted to OTS, mandated they

spend more than 2,000 hours on the program.

While Murdo refused comment on Monday, he said earlier this month that he was unaware the two officers were supposed to spend so much time on the program. The grant states the amount of time required quite clearly, however. It also required the city to pay half of the officers' wages for the duties performed.

Also, as submitted to OTS and the council, the grant set forth a pay rate of \$38.75 — nearly \$10 an hour higher than normal. According to Pat Cabrera, the city's finance and administrative services director, the mistake came as a result of Chalupa basing the rate on the two officers' paychecks, which included overtime.

As written, the grant would have allowed Clemons to visit 30 Bay Area schools to conduct a song-writing contest. The desire to extend the program did not leave him jumping with joy earlier this month, however, chose not to accept it and, by a 3-1 vote, and Councilmember Bruce Mast to rethink focusing more on schools in Albany.

According to Mast, Murdo and Chalupa doing precisely that. Chalupa refused to detail other than saying a revised grant submitted to the council next year.

Chief

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horizon, though. By next month, there will be three vacancies in the ECPD Corporal Preston Thompson is retiring. Two officers have accepted positions elsewhere.

Oral and written examinations for the positions have been completed; background checks are now being made on different candidates.

"By the end of the year, I hope to have three good people on board," she said.

When asked whether she'd like to expand the department even further, Fellers said, "I would love to have additional officers. I think there's a lot we could do."

"One of my big goals here is to get us more involved with a community policing approach to handling our crime problem," she said. "Some of that certainly would involve concentrating our efforts where there are problems."

As one example, Fellers pointed to the BART path as a place where different community members would like to see additional patrol officers. That focus, she said, has come both from members of the department and the community in general.

Even during the period she was applying for the chief's position and going through the interview process, Fellers said she was "struck by the city's Neighbor to Neighbor survey, in which half the people said they use the BART path for one form of recreation or another."

"You won't find many communities like that," she said. "...At the same time, a very large percentage of people don't feel safe there, especially at certain times during the day."

"I think there's a message loud and clear to the police department... that we need to make that area safe," she said.

Fellers said she would "certainly want to put (additional officers) where they are most needed. That's one area of need."

Another area of need has also caught the "attention" of the chief, she said, "perhaps because I'm coming from another county, and I'm not used to crime pat-

terns in this area.

"It seems like there's a higher than average robbery rate in this city, both armed robberies and strong arm robberies."

(In police jargon, "robberies" refer to thefts from the person, in the person's presence, whether weapons, physical force or threats are used. Burglaries and other types of thefts are classified differently.)

Fellers believes that, compared to other jurisdictions in West County, El Cerrito is "very safe," particularly as "safety for people in their homes" is concerned. There are "comparatively low numbers" among those crimes which tend to make people feel uncomfortable in their own homes, she said, things like drive-by shootings, burglaries, reports of prowlers and residential robberies.

She does see "comparatively more commercial robberies" than she would like to see in a city like El Cerrito. The numbers do make sense, considering that most take place along San Pablo Avenue, she said.

"It's understandable. It's an area where it's easy to make a quick get-away. You have a fast-moving arterial with several points of access to a freeway. They're the kinds of things a commercial robber is looking for."

In general, she said, "I'm pleased that we are comparatively lower than our neighbors. I still think there's work to be done. I want to make us more safe."

Fellers also addressed the concept of community policing, in which members of the police department and the community "work together to solve the crime and safety problems in the community."

It's a concept she believes will work in El Cerrito, where she's already found that "so many people are active in the community ... really care and get involved."

She believes that police departments and city governments that try that approach sometimes make two major mistakes.

One prerequisite to a successful program, she believes, is that "members of each (department and community groups) come together to get some agreement" on an approach to problems of crime and safety.

Some departments find this a "difficult" "may not really be doing community police-

way. Rather, department personnel designed to reducing crime, then go out into the neighborhood to "sell it" to the community.

"I think that approach only goes halfway," Fellers looks toward more of a partnership in solving solutions to problems, even though she will have some control, in that "we know the people we have, how many cars we have, dollars we have."

Another major "pitfall" she sees in departments is a tendency to designate some "community policing officers," some negative as "community policing neighborhood."

"If this is the right approach to how doing crime prevention and law enforcement in the 1990s" why not involve all officers and the community? she asked.

From Fellers' viewpoint, the cities' disarrayedness groups, which are already organized, ideal place to begin "identifying problems" and "working out a reasonable approach" to solving them.

She noted, though, that Neighborhood groups, in which neighbors keep an eye on one another, are one effective community policing tool in best in smaller divisions.

One neighborhood she knows organized is the Watch board of directors, publishes a letter weekly, stays in touch with merchants adjacent shopping center (as safety and crime are concerned) and worked with the police department to add lighting and trim trees for viewing.

Fellers characterized her "biggest reaction" to El Cerrito as her gratitude for the "welcome" she's received from everyone, owners, members of the community, member police department and city staff.

"It gives me a real positive feel for the city, an even greater incentive to get in there and things for the community," she said.

Creek

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into them will both sprout and will eventually grow into trees, lining the running water.

"Next spring, they'll be sprouting all over," said Struve, adding that the city will have to thin the area as time goes on to combat crowding.

From the top of one side of the creek to the other, construction and planting are "90 percent complete," said Struve. Staff is now negotiating with the original Pointsett Creek landscape contractor, Oracle Landscaping, to complete the landscaping outside the creek bed.

School

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Those who attended the presentation focused on the cost of the new school, what types of seismic safety features will be included, whether the building's size is adequate (one parent spoke for a third science lab) and the amount of time it will take for completion.

Neither Kerch, nor district superintendent Dale Hudson could answer questions on the cost of the new school. Kerch said his office is still checking numbers. The district is utilizing a \$31.6 million bond to fund construction, an estimate last June on the school projected the cost at \$13 million.

"This is a phased process we go through. As we go through the design we will be checking costs on a

Youth

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Among the suggestions forwarded by Swan's clique, which are reflected rather accurately in the task force's survey — a teen cafe, a "youth forum," increased bus service, and a bit less attention from the police department.

"All they want to do is harass people," said Sean Hart, 17, a rather harmless-looking youth who said police have followed him during daylight hours for no apparent reason other than his age.

While the specific complaints varied somewhat among different groups of students around the school — some wanted a better video arcade, others better interaction among various ethnic and social groups, and one for Albany to be annexed by the City of Berkeley, which is where most of the city's teens say they hang out — talk of police harassment was nearly universal.

"Maybe it's the cops that make it weak," said one 17-year-old student who said he too has been harassed "for no reason."

According to Police Chief Larry Murdo, officers following teens is not an uncommon practice. "I'm not terribly surprised about these assertions," he said, citing a need for increased understanding of the law among students.

"I thoroughly understand why some of them feel the way they feel. Whether or not it alienates (youth), this is an unfortunate part of government," he said.

At Albany Middle School, although the cigarettes were not present, the dissatisfaction certainly was. Talk ranged from students being kicked out of the Albany Library for being too loud to, once again, harassment by police, who seem to have left youth with the impression that it is illegal to skateboard in Albany.

The plan for the park calls for shrubs to be planted in small groupings on either side of the creek, to be filled in with decomposed granite and mulch. The work is expected to be completed by the second week of December, if the weather cooperates.

Struve said access to the creek will be possible through the mulch or granite. Many of the residents who supported creek restoration spoke of its benefit to children and families who could now become familiar with a riparian setting in the middle of the city.

Not all neighboring residents will be happy with the restoration project. Discussions regarding the change

put the "division" between neighbors about half and half for those who wanted and those who didn't. Longtime older neighbor, recalled a time when the former was poorly maintained and became a garbage for refuse.

Some residents bemoaned the loss of grass which at one time covered the stream. The room to throw a frisbee, however. Since that the lawn area at the bottom of the creek returns underground) measures about 75 feet running from one side to the other of the park.

regular basis. We'll keep trying to make sure we stay on budget," Kerch said, without detailing what that budget is.

For those worried about the school's capacity, it will be built to house 750 students, but can handle up to 800 students, Kerch said. The current middle school was built for 450 students and is occupied by close to 700 students with the use of portable classrooms. The new school will be approximately 30,000 square feet larger than its predecessor.

The district had been forecasting the school's opening in the 1997/98 school year, but Kerch reiterated the long process ahead for state approval of the project.

"What's happening now is we are going to start

taking a look at the building systems, fire systems, fire sprinklers, utilities and how they and architectural systems will be developed. It will come back with more final cost estimates, adding that the project should be on at with the state architect's office.

Kerch said cost estimates should be by January, with contract document preparation completion in mid-April. At that point the district need final approval from the state before the construction goes out to bid.

"I can't control the OSA. If everything perfectly we mite go to bid in July," he said. "If it is perfect, this is probably a 12 month project."

Board

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rary portable classrooms.

Board members in the past have opposed portables because they are costly and have been unnecessary if the old middle school could be used to house high school students temporarily.

For Jones, however, the risk may be too high. "My argument is that in the process of the new middle school what happens if there's an earthquake?" he said.

Jones will also make litter and alleged alcohol problems at the high school priority during his term.

"That can be worked out with the students and working with students to solve the problem," he said.

In terms of teacher salaries, Jones, like Kerch, needs more information on the state district's budget.

"I do believe there might be some money to give teachers their pay raise, but there's to be some compromising they need to do," said Jones, noting that he hopes the issue before December.

As previously stated, Jones says he is committed to improving multi-cultural education district wide and will solicit input from the community to do so.

As for Jones' accessibility to the public, he will not list his phone number in the directory, but will make it available through the district and city offices.



LOWELL COHN

Mullin meets coming end of career head on

SAN JOSE — All things considered, Chris Mullin is the most interesting athlete in the Bay Area. He wasn't always. When he came to the Warriors in 1985 he was undeveloped, a baby.

The team would schedule appointments for him, even sending a limo to pick him up, but when the driver knocked on his door, he wouldn't be there. This drove the Warriors crazy. On the court, Mullin thought Sleepy Floyd did not pass him the ball enough, but he didn't confront Floyd.

He wandered through life in a dream, until he began to suffer, and somehow, suffering turned him into a grownup. He had to go away for alcohol rehabilitation. He lost both his parents. He also became a husband and a father, and after all of these collisions with life, some bad and some good, he couldn't afford to be trivial anymore. The result? Mullin is philosopher-as-small-forward, and to talk to him about sports is ultimately to talk about the meaning of life.

Recently, he was at the San Jose Arena, sitting in front of his locker, which isn't really a locker. It's two folding chairs underneath a hanger and a wall hook. He is 33, and he hasn't played a full season in four years because of injuries. Last year he was deleted from the starting lineup, although he's a starter again this season.

"When I didn't start I looked at it as a test for me," he said. His voice was soft and even, and he took his time, making sure he said exactly what he meant. "Certain players I looked up to handled things like they said they would. I wanted to be like that. Anyway, I never looked at it personally, that I got outplayed. So it was easy for me to accept. The team wasn't going well. The coach said, 'Let's try this.' That's as far as I looked into it. I always said I'd handle it and I did. I'm pleased."

Mullin smiled, then rummaged through his gym bag for his sneakers. "I have the same feeling I had last year. I'm flexible enough to do it. I mean, not just say I'll do it, but really do it. Five years ago it might have been different."

What you're listening to is the discourse of a fully mature adult. This is not to say Mullin doesn't have an ego, but it is balanced by all the other issues of being on a team.

"You really are in charge of your own happiness and your own miserableness," he continued. "After I retire I want to be able to watch an NBA game and not be bitter, not say, 'The NBA screwed me.' Because you know how much longer I'll play?"

There, he'd raised the issue: his athletic mortality. "If it is toward the end, one thing I want to do is enjoy it," he said.

"Are you afraid of the end?" I asked.

"No. No. I'm not intimidated by that."

He finished dressing and began running to the court, but he stopped. "I want to enjoy all of it," he yelled back. "I mean that."

What he meant, I think, was that he wants to enjoy every game (he's third on the team in scoring), he wants to enjoy his career as long as it lasts, and he even wants to enjoy the end

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EC, 3:36 from advancing, ends brilliant season

By John Gardella

EL CERRITO — An aggressive defense and poor field conditions did to the El Cerrito football team what no league opponent managed to do all season: stymie the Gauchos' potent running game.

The result was a shocking upset as the Miramonte Mata-

dors (8-4) beat the second-seeded and home team, 17-13, Friday in the first round of the North Coast Section playoffs.

The Gauchos (9-2), who piled up 3,013 rushing yards on the season (only De LaSalle

rushed for more in the East Bay), managed just 58 against Miramonte.

Antoine Lacy started the game as the area's leading rusher with 1,510 yards. On Friday, though, Miramonte completely contained the scintillating runner. The senior rushed for just 50 yards on 13 carries. Compare that to the 11 yards per carry he averaged in EC's first

10 games and you get a picture of how well Miramonte's run defense performed.

"I was surprised they were able to stop our running game," said offensive tackle Jerome Brown. "The muddy conditions really hurt our speed."

Brown and the rest of the offensive line, were, perhaps, the unsung

heroes of EC's fine season, supplying great protection for quarterback George Phillips and opening up holes for Lacy and fullback Ed Dyer.

But on Friday, the Gauchos were playing against more than just a football team.

The formula that stuffed the

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Berkeley lost, 56-31, to De LaSalle in last year's North Coast Section semifinal. This season too, has been one big pile up for the Yellowjackets, and De La Salle will be just another obstacle Friday. The game is back at DVC, 7:30 p.m.

De LaSalle: Why not?

By Mac Montandon

Berkeley's first-year football coach Joe Martin has spent almost as much time this season in court or meeting with East Bay Athletic League officials as he has on the Yellowjackets' sideline.

The Jackets' year could be presented as a weekly docudrama where an announcer tells you to

tune in next week for another bizarre, unexpected adventure. With all the unlikely events this year, last Friday's North Coast Section 4A playoff win, an emphatic upset at Antioch, might rank as the least surprising incident of the year.

In beating Antioch, 47-30, the Jackets reminded their fans that, when left alone, the team can play a

pretty good game. The thing is, for most of the season, Berkeley's games have taken place amid a sea of controversy and strange circumstances.

As the Berkeley season winds down, the unexpected has become almost common place. Friday they face De La Salle at Diablo Valley College at 7:30 p.m. in a 4A semi-

final. It was on that field a year ago that Berkeley also lost an NCS semifinal to DLS, 56-31.

DLS hasn't lost in a state record 62 games, but it almost makes sense, in a year when nothing makes sense, that if someone is going to beat them it would be a team like this year's Jackets.

Walking off the field after the

win over Antioch, Martin, looking towards the DLS game, asked loud enough for everyone around to hear, "For next week, I say, 'Why not us?'"

In light of this season's events, it's hard to think of a reason that sticks.

"My team's overcome adversity, overcome racism, overcome sorrow," Martin summarized.

There was a strong sense of anticipation surrounding Martin's first game as coach at Alisal of Salinas on Sept. 13. (Yes, Friday the 13th for those of you keeping score.)

In a preseason article, Martin had said he intended to raise Berkeley to the level of private school powers such as Bishop O'Dowd and DLS.

Berkeley played excellently that night, dropping Alisal hard, 40-15. By every early indication, Martin's first team could indeed be a stepping stone toward the greatness he anticipated for future teams.

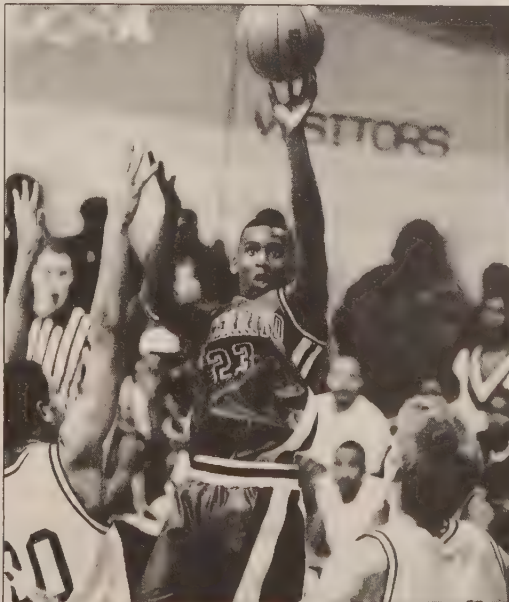
Then came two straight losses to non-league teams James Logan and Franklin. It became clear that Berkeley's ascent would not be painless, or without detours.

Just when it seemed the Jackets may not reach the playoffs, they went on a four game winning streak highlighted by an 18-16 upset of powerful Skyline. They won the contest at Skyline despite playing without their leading rusher Devin Martin.

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1996-97 Prep Hoop Previews

Gauchos, Panthers: 'guarded' by youth



Jones to point way for EC

By John Gardella

"Guarded" optimism is the best way to describe Chris Huber's opinion of this year's El Cerrito High basketball team. A quintet of talented guards dominates the 1996-97 version of the Gauchos, led by senior point guard Jamal Jones.

"We have lots of guards," Huber

said. "They are all doing well. I can see a lot of players getting run on this team."

Jones, an all-Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League performer, said recently he was ready to assume the leadership role. Jones led the ACCAL in assists last season in his first year at the varsity level.

El Cerrito point guard Jamal Jones, left, will be Gauchos' 'team leader'; Daniel Shaw, right, a 6-3 junior, will be a 'dunking machine' for Panthers.

So skilled is Jones, that Huber said the senior could have started on the varsity as a sophomore if EC did not have Raymond "Circus" King, now at Cal.

"Jamal has a real good handle," his coach said. "He played real well for us in the summer tournaments. He's our team leader."

The other projected starter is Jamaal Bennett, perhaps, the team's best perimeter player.

Another skilled guard is Circus King's brother, Jeremiah "Carnival" King, a sophomore who can start at the shooting guard and spell Jones at the point.

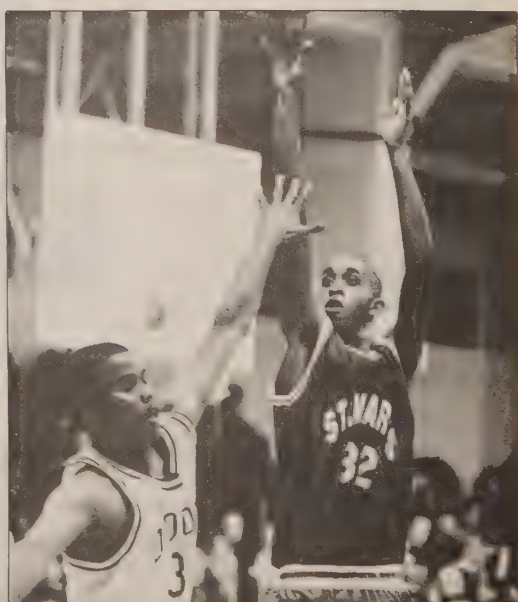
The other two guards expected to contribute are senior Chris Roberson, one of five football players on the team, and sophomore Amonte Jernigan.

The Gauchos' big person is 6-foot-5 senior Kirby Harrison. Harrison was a sometime-tarter as a junior and Huber will look to him to control the boards.

The team won't be lacking muscle, considering the presence of the quintet of football players. Donny Davis and Ed Dyer both could push for starting spots on the frontline.

Huber loses just three players from last year's 16-12 team. Per-

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Can SM replace Fripp?

By John Gardella

If summer play was any indication, the St. Mary's High basketball team won't have any problems eclipsing last year's 12-15 record.

The Panthers "unofficially" finished, 40-20, over the summer as second-year coach Jose Caraballo's

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REAL TALK



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For most people, owning a home is their single, most important investment. As a result, the market's ups and downs affect a homeowner's net worth and purchasing power. So people naturally care about property values and market activity even those not in the process of buying or selling a home.

An abundance of information and anecdotes offer insights and advice on the real estate sales process. Data, routinely available on general conditions even in such broader markets as the Bay Area, California, or the nation, relate to our own specific market area.

Tracking the real estate market

What's missing is regular, detailed assessment of activity and changes in our own local marketplace—the Northern Alameda County/East Bay cities of Albany,

I have broken down the year as follows:

- The Spring Market, March 1 through Memorial Day;

Assembling and analyzing sales data available through our local Multiple Listing Service at the end of each of these periods will yield a growing data base will grow, en-

Real Talk will divide the year into sales seasons—not the usual spring, summer, fall and winter markets, but those annual cycles we recognize but have never defined.

Berkeley, Oakland and Piedmont. I have designed my article, *Real Talk*, to fill that void.

Real Talk will divide the 365 days of the year into the "real" sales seasons—not the usual spring, summer, fall and winter markets, but those annual cycles we all intuitively recognize but have never defined.

For our own specific market area,

• The High Summer Market, post Memorial Day through July 31;

• The Low Summer Market, August 1 through Labor Day;

• The Fall Market, post Labor Day through November 15;

• The Holiday Market, November 16-January 14;

• The Pre-spring Market, January 15 to April 30.

abling a comparison of market activity from one period to the next and, eventually, to the same period in previous years.

Several regular categories, in chart-format, will be presented by city, both in terms of number volume and dollar volume where ap-

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Honor to local builders

The San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (SFBA NARI) recently held its fifth Annual Awards Ceremony.

Winans Construction of Oakland received the first place award in the category of Residential Kitchen Remodel for a project completed recently in San Francisco. This kitchen previously won an Honorable Mention Award in NARI's national competition.

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Retirement planning: the self-employed

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For participation in a SEP-IRA, your employees must meet some eligibility requirements. Eligible employees for a SEP-IRA include those who are age 21 and older and those employed (both part-time and

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Your employees benefit from the plan because they receive tax-deferred contributions to their IRAs. And, because employees can choose and direct the investments in their IRAs, employees can determine how conservatively or aggressively they want to invest their money.

As the employer, you must keep in mind four key elements when implementing a SEP-IRA:

- Contributions. Unless you elect a feature called social security integration, your contributions must represent the same percentage of salary or compensation for all eligible employees.

- Employees' rights to contributions. Once you have contributed to your eligible employees, they have a non-forfeitable right to those contributions; your employees are 100 percent vested immediately.

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As with IRAs and other retirement plans, you and your employees should be aware there may be a 10 percent penalty for early withdrawals before age 59 1/2.

Your employees work hard to make your business successful, and a sound retirement plan can reward them for their efforts. Your investment professional, along with your tax advisor, can help you establish a SEP-IRA or other retirement plans to fit the needs of your business.

Leila S. Gough is an Associate Vice-President with A. G. Edwards in Oakland. Call her at 273-8840.

Coming 'Home for the Holidays'



Architect William Dutcher's dramatic contemporary home fits naturally into the landscape where the previous home was destroyed in the 1991 fire.

Geometric forms nestled under towering oaks testify to a dramatic renewal in one of the home featured in Prospect School's 15th Annual Home for the Holiday's Tour & Raffle.

Architect William Dutcher planned this home on the site of a gracious Warren Perry home destroyed in the firestorm.

Among the seven diverse homes decorated for the holidays, you'll also see the hillside retreat of John Galen Howard,

looking down on the University campus and Campanile, which he designed.

The self-guided tour takes place on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$32 and include an elegant box lunch.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each, 20 for \$25, 50 for \$50 or 140 for \$100. To make reservations or to purchase raffle tickets, send your check payable to Prospect School at 2060 Tapscoff, El Cerrito, CA 94530. Call 527-4155.

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available. The categories I have selected are of particular interest to anyone who is a Realtor and, hopefully, to readers as well:

- Current Listings—total properties available for sale as of the last day of the period (inventory).

- New on Market—of the total number of listings those which actually came onto the market for the

first time during the period will be pulled out.

- Closed Sales—total escrows closed during the period.

- Original Closed Sales—those escrows which originated and closed during the period. This additional information will give us a better sense of how the market actually performed for the period.

- Average Sales Price—based on the total "Closed Sales," it will provide a reasonable indication of changes in property values and/or market dynamics within certain

value ranges.

- Average Days on Market—again, based on total "Closed Sales," it is an indicator of market turnover.

- Average Sales Price/List Price—this category looks at how the final sales price and then compares it to the original list price.

- Full Price-Plus—will show how many properties sold at full list price or more.

Tracking these figures should validate our sense of the local real estate economy's strength (or weakness) and will also be examined in light of certain significant outside factors impacting the market's climate, such as interest rates.

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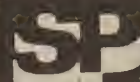
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The California College of Arts and Crafts, 5212 Broadway in Oakland will host its annual **Holiday Art Sale** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat. Dec. 7. One-of-a-kind art treasures including ceramics, blown glass, jewelry, prints, photography, textiles, drawings and paintings. Call 3666 for more information.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION E.C. HILLS/EXCEPTIONAL STYLE 4BR, 2BA, formal dining, 2 car att'd gar, huge fam rm with frpt, lmo flrs in kitchen, entry & baths, master suite with whirlpool tub, central carpet. New landscaping! #W38593 Jerry Garner 510-223-3287

ALBANY / OAKLAND

COSMETIC FIXER / ALBANY 4BR, 2BA, new listing! Hardwood floors, 1-car garage, small kitchen in-law potential. #934 Cynthia Burke 510-252-0940

OAKLAND STARTER 2BR, 1BA cute cottage w/hwd flrs, sunny kitchen, bsmt, frpt, lmo OK. Near Emeryville border. #W38970 Magary Abass 510-223-3287

PRICE REDUCTION / CALIFORNIA BUNGALOW 2BR, 1BA. Open Sun 1-4, 4120 Lusk, Oakland. Very sharp home w/ beautiful wood trim & built-ins, hardwood, Artsy fireplace, large bae for expansion. #W38809 Jamie Lake 510-765-5960

OAKLAND - GREAT VALUE! 2+BR, 2BA, end of cul-de-sac. Formal dining, fireplace, 2-car garage, workshop, hardwood floors. #W38805 Michele Manzone 510-223-3287

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A CLAREMONT PROPERTY. Secluded in the Palms: Elegant paneling, spacious kitchen, dining terrace, views, vistas & an in-law. Paul Templeton ext. 131 **\$625,000**

NORTH BERKELEY MEDITERRANEAN. 4++BR, 3BA SF/GG views. Gourmet kitchen to deck & private level yd. X-Large lot. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124 **\$625,000**

CRAFTSMAN SIMPLICITY IN THE CLAREMONT. Fine design, subtle details, spectacular views. 4+BR, 3BA. Gini Erck ext. 133 **\$530,000**

GLORIOUS VIEWS - PRIVATE SETTING. 4++BR, 2.5BA architect designed contemporary. Great for entertaining. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124 **\$449,000**

2805 FULTON ST. PRICE REDUCED! Traditional 4BR, 2BA on a quiet street. Plus sunny studio cottage. Marlene Leverette ext. 121 **\$259,500**

1056 EUCLID AVENUE Open Sunday 2-4. 2BR, 1BA, updated w/impeccable taste. L. Avant ext. 122 **\$239,000**

NEW PRICE. Charming 2BR/1BA nr Gourmet Ghetto. Deep yard, deck. Nancy Noman ext. 124 **\$199,000**

WALK TO BART. Lg 2BR. L. Easterday ext. 134 **\$169,000**

WHY RENT when you can own in Elmwood? Call Leslie Easterday ext. 134 **\$135,000**

1436 WARD STREET. REDUCED! 2BR/1BA. Lots of space. Needs work. Faye Keogh ext. 126 **\$99,000**

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ROSE GARDEN WALK - Exquisite new condos at an affordable price. 2BR, 2BA, hwd flrs, frpts & vistas. hurry, only 4 left! Ron Egberman ext. 127 **\$185,000 & up**

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

132 BEECHWOOD, Upr Rockridge 4bd/4ba w/exquisite details **\$1,049,000**
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rose Jellison 644-5401 SUNDAY 1-4

171 ALPINE TERRACE, Upr Rockridge fab new 4+++, pano views **\$1,000,000**
Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460

17044 BROADWAY TERRACE, 4+bd/4+ba, pano SF bay view **\$899,000**
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

29 CHANCELLOR PL. Spectacular SF/bay views! 3bd, den, office **\$895,000**
Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 SUNDAY 2-4

6069 GLENARMS, New 4bd/3+ba, unique floor plan, privacy, lg lot **\$669,000**
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400

110 STARVIEW, Hiller outstanding townhome, gourmet kit, den, FDR\$589,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

991 SUNNYHILLS RD. Crocker 4/3 enchanting Normandy, new deck\$535,000
The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400

1548 FERNWOOD, Montclair, quality remodel on 1/4 acre level lot **\$520,000**
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Ed Marshall 869-4244

2710 MOUNTAIN GATE, Woodsy retreat! 4+bd/2+ba, gardens **\$455,000**
Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittingslow 339-1174

44 HERMOSA, Upr Rockridge 3bd/2+ba, new listing! bay view **\$449,000**
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

6642 LONGWALK Dr A Frank Lloyd Wright INSPIRED Design Home\$430,000
3bd/2b w/adj lot, sun deck, Privacy! Will Uher 278-0451 SUNDAY 12-5

6363 WESTOVER DR. Value! dramatic 2-story entry! 2+ba, decks **\$414,000**
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 645-9103

3321 RUBIN DR. Oakland Hills 3bd/2ba, au-pair, gardens, views, private, 1/2 acre, hot tub. Owner 530-9137/595-9205 SUNDAY 1-4:30

38 WINDWARD, State of the Art throughout! 3/2+, 2 frpts, charm **\$389,500**
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

1935 OAKVIEW AVE. 3bd/2ba w/view, hwd fls, fab tile kitchen, deck **\$349,000**
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4100

6666 CHARING CROSS, Hiller, lg unit w/loft +office space, must see\$345,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

5671 CABOT DR. Spacious & gracious Montclair 5bd/5ba **\$339,750**
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860

6868 CHAMBERS DR. Montclair 3bd/2ba, secluded front yd w/pond **\$324,500**
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400

5677 CABOT DR. Montclair 3bd/2ba inspired design, woodsy **\$309,000**
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860

3341 BRUNELL, Joaquin Miller 4bd/3ba, best value! bay view **\$284,950**
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653

6475 VALLEY VIEW RD. Montclair 3/2, frt canyon view, rec room **\$275,000**
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400 SUNDAY 1-3:30

4657 DOLORES AVE. New listing! Glenview 4bd/1+ba, FDR, hwd fls \$269,000
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000

4656 REDWOOD RD. Leona Park Villas, 2/2+ twnhse, FDR, patio **\$269,000**
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

569 SANTA RAY AV. Crocker 3bd/1+ba, 1st open! relocated seller **\$229,950**
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653

3742 SILVERWOOD, Laurel 2bd/1ba, charming! hwd fls, level out yd **\$215,000**
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

5340 BROADWAY TER. What a view! condo, price reduced, SF vw **\$199,000**
Coldwell Banker, Kevin McMullen 339-1174

4042 WHITTE, Oakmore 3+bd/2ba, grt location, move in condition **\$195,000**
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Dollie Henson 468-5761

7933 SANFORD ST. 3bd/2ba just listed! remod kitchen, level yard **\$182,000**
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460

5614 PICARDY DR. Mills College, bright/airy, old world charm, FDR **\$177,000**
The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400

3035 FRUITVALE AVE. 3bd/1+ba craftsman beauty! **\$170,000**
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Sybil Bailey 834-2010 SUNDAY 2-5

3049 LYNDE, 3bd/1+ba Med style, hwd fls, nw cpt/paint/lino, hill vw **\$145,000**
Chang & Hardeman, Ramona 462-3800 SUNDAY 3-5

400 WAYNE AVE. New condos w/holiday bonus, 2bd, views, more **\$145,000**
Templeton Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127 SUNDAY 1-4 and up

5932 MAURITANIA, 3bd/1ba super clean, fenced yd, updt kitchen **\$135,000**
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010

3854 MAYBELLE, Laurel 2bd/1+ba, luxury at a great price! **\$125,000**
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Lynda Hassan 869-4209

322 HANOVER #411, Lakeshore, 5 Star condo nr lake & transp. **\$114,900**
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Erik Johnson 869-4246

ALBANY Open Sunday

806 WASHINGTON, No Elvis siting but fab bay view! 3bd/2ba **\$269,000**
Red Oak Realty 526-5273 SUNDAY 2-4:30

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

29 CHANCELLOR PL. 3bd/3+ba, den, office, SF/bay views, quality **\$895,000**
Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 SUNDAY 2-4

867 ARLINGTON AVE. 4bd/3ba updated Spanish Med, patio, garden\$564,900
Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460

1305 HENRY ST. 3 new townhouses, 2 & 3 bd, quality/yards/decks **\$319,000**
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460 to \$425,000

1307 MILVIA, Cute starter, new inside paint, FDR, hwd fls, patio, yr **\$179,000**
Wells & Bennett, Michael Childress 531-7000

1056 EUCLID AVE. 2bd/1ba, updated w/impeccable taste! **\$179,000**
Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 SUNDAY 2-4

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

608 BALRA, 3+bd pristine home w/great bay view! **\$179,000**
Red Oak Realty, Tom 524-7886 SUNDAY 2-4

1005 EVERETT AVE. Pristine starter, really special, extras, reduced **\$179,000**
Seller motivated! Templeton Company, Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144

LAFAYETTE Open Sunday

594 ANTONIO CT. 3bd/2ba Burton Valley Dollhouse w/plank floors **\$179,000**
crown moldings, garden, flat play area. Pat Crawford 977-3617, Century 21 Beaubelle 254-1212 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

126 DRACENA AVE. 3+bd/2+ba, hwd fls, rumpus, patio, garden **\$179,000**
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

18 NACE AVE. Charming 5/3+ shingle, new kitchen, hillside views **\$179,000**
The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400

457 MOUNTAIN, 3bd/2ba, architectural challenge **\$179,000**
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Suzanne Yamamoto 644-5477

816 BLAIR AVE. 3bd, spacious, sunny, level sunny garden **\$179,000**
The GRUBB Company, Linda E. McClain 339-0400

507 MORAGA AVE. 4bd/2ba w/fab yd, 1/2 acre lot, nrby schools **\$179,000**
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Cindy Lunge 644-5433

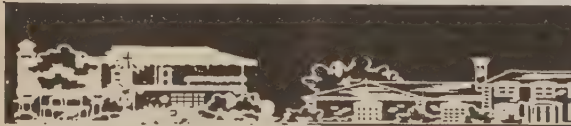
RICHMOND Open Sunday

6010 No. ARLINGTON R. View, woodsy, 3bd, 2 sep. parcels, hwd fls **\$179,000**
Security Pacific, Cynthia Burke 222-8870 SUNDAY 1-4

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BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland 339-8635; 339-7091

206 Found
DOG found, Montclair. Long/ short shaggy fur, West Highland Terrier type, adorable. Male 339-8635; 339-7091

207 Giveaway
URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204

208 Lost
LOST yellow Lab, male, black spots on tongue, very friendly, Proctor/ Broadway Terrace 339-0193

EDUCATION
302 Childrens Schools & Camps
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The deadline for Friday, Nov. 29 is Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 11 a.m.



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Great opportunity for energetic people with exceptional customer service skills. Many positions available immediately in the Oakland Area. To apply please contact TemPositions at 510-446-7800

RETAIL McCaulou's Department Store. Montclair has openings for full-time part-time sales associates. Free parking, employee discount. Convenient, pleasant atmosphere. Apply in person at 6211 Meadua Place, Oakland.

RETAIL Sales, Montclair camera store, full or part-time. Energetic, people person. 338-8545, Jennifer or David.

RICK and Ann's Pantry seeks manager for front and catering. Experienced, high standards, great people skills a must. Fax: 510-649-8564

SECRETARY, part-time, 3 days/week, \$8-10/hour 653-4648

SECURITY OFFICER

The community of Harbor Bay is currently accepting applications for the full-time position of Security Officer. Qualifications should include prior security experience, valid California driver's license, excellent communication skills, and a willingness to work with a diverse population. Application can be picked up at 3195 McArthur Road, Alameda, 94502 or resumes may be faxed: Security Director at 522-1436. No telephone calls will be accepted.

SLOT CAR SHOP

Full-time assistant manager for hobby shop. Seeking enthusiastic individual with retail sales experience, interest in racing and some mechanical ability. Afternoons, evenings, weekends. Rodeo, 510-799-6161, call after 2 p.m.

STOCK clerk warehouse, \$6.80-\$8 to start. Must be able to lift 50 pounds. High school diploma, experience okay. Benefits available. Send resume 6000 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito 94530

SWEEP DREAMS TOYS-ORINDA

Seeking dedicated, hardworking person for full and part-time Assistant Management trainee positions. Must have retail experience, flexible schedule and great personality. Contact Gary, 549-1211

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TELEPHONE receptionist required immediately for busy Homeopathic Medical clinic in Albany. Previous experience helpful but not required. Computer skills necessary. 24 hours/week, good starting salary and benefits. Send Resume to: Brock H, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland, CA 94608

TRUCK driver, part-time, clean DMV, Insurance. Know Bay Area. Call 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 510-562-1304

VETERINARY Receptionist/Technician for busy hospital. Full-time including Saturdays. Wide variety of duties. Computer experience a plus, but willing to train. Salary and benefits DOE. Bring resume to: Claremont Veterinary Hospital, 5331 College Ave., Oakland. No phone calls accepted.

VETERINARY Technician, part-time at busy practice. Motivated team player with experience only. Join friendly staff. Resume: 1410 Everett St., Alameda 94501, Attention: Sally

WAREHOUSE and physical inventory person experienced with forklift to work for Hayward company. Good pay and benefits. Fax resume to: Collin, (510)887-3914

YARD Work, light clean-up, 15-20 hours/week, flexible hours, \$6/hour, 444-0914

402 Independent Employment

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

\$1,000+ POSSIBLE READING BOOKS Part-time. At home. Toll Free 800-218-9000, ext. T-7057 for listings.

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403 Salon Opportunities

MANICURIST - rental, 5 stylist/rockledge salon needs you to care for clients' nail needs! We're enthusiastic, technically educated, friendly and BUSY! Please join us. 652-8256

RECEPTIONIST needed for busy Berkeley salon, part-time/full-time. Benefits paid. Please call 841-0288

STATION available in new Berkeley hair salon. Free parking. University Hair Care, 1444 University. 845-6752

TWO stations; hair station, manicure station with space for pedicures. Busy, friendly salon. 521-5530

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING
339-8777

405 Employment Exchange

LONG-TERM housekeeper, female grad student at JFK with references. Interviews December 16-20. 602-644-9219

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627

CENTRAL American refugees seek employment in housecleaning, gardening, childcare, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable. 864-9011

EXPERIENCED caregiver - Seeks work, 25 years and excellent references. Good cook, has auto-mobile 595-8603

407 Employment Information

RESUME: Make yours clearly reflect the job you want. Susan Urquhart-Brown, Career Counselor, 531-2071

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

LIVE-IN caregivers needed for board and care of elderly. Albany, 527-6248

Experienced Domestic Helper
Wanted to assist working parents in Alameda. Duties include: light housekeeping, laundry, cooking, shopping, pick-up 2 children after school, miscellaneous errands. Need valid CDL, dependable car, very reliable, must speak English. Excellent salary. Hours from 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. plus additional hours as needed, references. Call 865-1522, evenings and weekends.

409 Childcare Wanted

CAREGIVER organizer. Delightful girls 6, 4; boy 1. Loves nutrition, music, language. CDL, 3 afternoons, Tuesday, Wednesday evenings. Piedmont, 420-0335

CHILD CARE Piedmont, 2 children, 24-30 hours/week. Must have car, good references. 655-1457

SPECIAL Education aide, 9 year Cerebral Palsy student. Positioning, feeding, driving. Owns/owns experience. Piedmont 933-2273

AU Pair wanted for full-time, live-in childcare for two children, 5 and 3. Non-smoking. Must drive, be responsible, nurturing, love children. Form, car, salary, 530-8309

NANNIES

Professional placement since 1985. Excellent jobs available. No fee. Be In Our Care. Many Agency 933-2273

BABYSITTER needed, Piedmont, 12 hours/week, flexible 3 year old twins. References, Craft projects. 595-0790

LOVING, responsible, experienced nanny for 3 preschool children from 2 families. Monday-Thursday, 30 hours, Oakland Hills. CDL and car required. 531-5096 or 658-3860

NANNY, full-time for infant, light housekeeping. Moraga area. Drivers license a must. References. 631-9288

OVERNIGHT childcare, 3 nights/week, 2 children. Light housekeeping. Montclair. Need own car. 530-1222

LOVING, creative nanny for 3 and 6 year old girls in Montclair (Oakland Hills). 30 hours/week, afternoon. Excellent references. English. Non-smoking. Car required. 339-8830

CHILD CARE for preschool twin boys, 7-9 a.m., 3 days, p.m.; 15-20 hours weekly. Car required. Crocker Highlands. 835-4411

PART-TIME sitter needed for baby in Montclair home. Experience with infants. Non-smoker. Own car. Flexible days/hours. 601-0656

NANNY/HOME MANAGER: Live-in needed for great family in Piedmont. Three school-aged children. Two years experience, references and CDL required. Full-time, Monday-Friday, \$2000/month. Town & Country Nannies 415-567-0656

BABYSITTER weekly for 1-2 evenings and occasional birthday grandchildren with age four boy. Additional hours optional. Excellent hourly wage. Green car required. Call 531-2105

411 Childcare - Licensed

CHILD CARE Skyline area, 16 months and older. Preschool activities, structure, Montessori work. License #10206795. 530-6830

QUALITY childcare. Loving providers, small group, beautiful, cozy home, great outdoors, art classes, nutritious meals, outings, fun. #010215793. Main 530-8353

412 Babysitting Offered

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By Mrs. Butter Knife? On the blue plate? Every single day? Precisely forty-seven seconds after mommy leaves for work?

We do.
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OUR nanny seeks full or part-time work. She's experienced, loving, reliable. Own car. 339-3044; 261-4350

413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408

ABLE CARE INC.

Personal, quality 24 hour live-in care and companionship for the elderly and handicapped in the comfort and security of your own home. Bonded and insured. 510-885-4704

A CARING CONNECTION
Quality home care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 524-8076

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501 Businesses For Sale

MUST Sell Grand Ave. Restaurant in Oakland, fully equipped. Selling this year. Cash Best offer. Call (510)835-3474

502 Business Opportunities & Services
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Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth? The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position

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ASK ANY WIDOW!
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601 Antiques & Art

FINE CLOCK REPAIR
Have your clocks running for the holidays! Pickup/delivery 376-4668

602 Appliances

ROA washer/gas dryer, 3 months old \$600/both. Call 558-9027

603 Garage & Estate Sales

GARAGE SALE ADS?
See Clip'n Go on the 1st page of Classified Ads

605 Home Furnishings

15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL
Buy 2 or more custom mild-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 568-7540 for details

NEW 2 oak, full size headboards with sliding doors and light switch. Best offer 530-9105

DINING set, pecan; server, lighted cabinet, buffet/drawers, upholstered chairs, table. Like new. \$950 482-9501

MISCELLANEOUS home furnishings: Washer/gas dryer, architectural desk, dining set, weight set, more 336-0619

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

FIREWOOD: Autumn, Special: \$140/mixed cord. Oak, almon, white, available 5900 Coliseum Way. Daily 635-1779

FIREWOOD: Seasoned eucalyptus/pine; \$108/yard. Plus tax; \$33/mile. 100% total picked up 338-8245

ANGEL'S FIREWOOD
Seasoned Alder, 16", \$185 per cord, delivered 209-669-3724

FIREWOOD, seasoned oak, madrone, fir. Will deliver 534-1430

TABLESAW \$350; 9" contractor's table saw/jointer combination on mobile stand. Perfect home-owners model. 547-3959

WOODBURNING stove, Updend 207, with 30" stainless steel pipe. \$750 or best offer 339-7037

MAC computer, \$575; MAC SE \$250; 14.4 modem \$75; MAC+ \$125; Printer \$150 521-0883

Yosemite Santa's Firewood. All cords \$125, Oak, Cedar, Acacia, Eucalyptus, Pine, fast delivery, 632-0453

CRIB and changing table. Bellini designer white wooden crib and changing table/dresser. Like new. Beautiful crib bedding and lamp, adjustable high chair on wheels. Call 548-5594

MINK Stroller, size 12, with matching hat, \$1200. Collection of salt cellars, some with silver spoons, \$250. Limited edition fashion jewelry sets, \$45 each 524-5111

GET in shape with Montclair Swim Club and Fitness Center family membership, \$350 652-5097

568-133 MHz, 8RAM, 1Gig HD, 6x-CD ROM, soundboard, 14" color monitor, Windows-95, Office-95, \$829 425-5928

CLAREMONT Pool and Tennis Club, family membership for sale. Day \$82-0147; evenings 547-7352

607 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED: An old toy train Lionel, Mark, American Flyer ives. 547-1278

PIANO and pool table needed for non-profit student cooperative. Tax deductible donation. Sarah (510)448-3369

608 Musical Instruments

PIANO, upright, mahogany, 1920's J.J. Manner. \$450 284-7190

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609 Pets - Care & Supplies

"DOG" and "Katie", 2 1/2 year old, Old English Sheep dog. All shots, fixed, loving, needs new home. Donna, 635-7067

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HOLIDAY professional portraits in your home or my established Montclair studio. Greeting cards, great gifts, holiday parties. Reasonable rates 339-0906

PARTY and event planning; social, corporate, special occasions. Call Naomi Applebaum, consultant 482-1447

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703 Garage & Storage Rentals
CARPORT space available. Corner of Rose/Piedmont Valley Ave., Oakland 440/ month 547-0207

704 Housing Wanted
RETIRED non-smoking couple seek short-term furnished home/apartment. Will care for plants/pets. Call Elisabeth 428-1423 days, 339-6782 evenings

CONDO Townhouse, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with appliances and garage. Oakland Hills. Lease option. (415)440-1767

PROFESSIONAL man seeks large room with utilities. Piedmont Area. Montclair area preferred. Non-smoking. \$400. 537-0299

LOOKING for rental in Montclair/Lamorinda area. Might get more for dollar if found someone looking for same to consider sharing larger space. Maria 827-4439

706 Sublets & Short-Term Rentals
NORTH Berkeley: quiet 1 bedroom cottage. November 29-December 28. \$500 includes utilities. Deposit 524-7730

707 Vacation Rentals Bed & Breakfast
SKI Lovers! Northstar, 3 bedroom, 2 bath plus loft, spa, Ping-Pong, all amenities. Call 652-8797

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709 Alameda
710 STUDIO APT. RENTALS
Alameda
\$475 NEW carpet, paint, etc. Coin laundry, all utilities included. Quiet, convenient location. 656-6787

FURNISHED studio and 1 bedroom apartments. Direct dial phone, cable, HBO, laundry, maid service. Near shops and transportation. Weekly \$210 up. Monthly \$750 up. 523-6633

711 1 BED. APT. RENTALS
Alameda
\$775 BEAUTIFUL Victorian 1 bedroom 2001 Alameda Ave. Nonsmoking Appointment 522-0439

712 2 BED. APT. RENTALS
Alameda
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715 Berkeley
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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 31, 1996
The Journal November 7, 14, 21, 28, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-6458
The Name of the Business:
Procast, 4725 Morgan Territory Rd. P.O. Box 981, Clayton, CA 94517
Is registered by the following owner:
Marilyn Kolmeier, 4725 Morgan Territory Rd., Clayton, CA 94517
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 18, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 18, 1996
The Journal November 7, 14, 21, 28, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-6459
The Name of the Business:
East Bay Investment Club, 111 Kenilworth Drive, Kensington, CA 94708
Is registered by the following owners:
Gloria S. Black, 111 Kenilworth Dr., Kensington, CA 94707
Anouchka E. Day, 1327 Oxford St., Berkeley, CA 94707
Marion Beverly Dickson, 3011 Berkeley Dr., Richmond, CA 94806
Carolyn L. Erskine, 1169 Colusa Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707
Lita L. Fries, 28 Camelot Ct., Kensington, CA 94707
Mitch Grashin, 381 Ocean View, Kensington, CA 94708
Margaret Griffith, 137 Ardmore Rd., Kensington, CA 94707
Virginia G. Jed, 923 Lenave Place, El Cerrito, CA 94530
George William Kasten, 747 Perilla Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707
Margaret Leth, 375 Ocean View, Kensington, CA 94707
Meriam Lieberman, 14 Kerr Ave., Kensington, CA 94707
William Lowe, 21 Kerr Ave., Kensington, CA 94707
Richard J. Stankut, 648 Wellesley, Kensington, CA 94708
Carolyn Walen, 73 Kingston Rd., Kensington, CA 94707
Allen Zalkin, 81 Edgecroft Rd., Kensington, CA 94707
Hester Yee, 2517 Carquinez Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Linda Donaghy, 21 Westminster Ave., Kensington, CA 94708
Lowell K. Etzel, 8630 Arbor Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Janet Y. Seim, 8449 Terrace Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Wilma J. Zinser, 6699 Exeter Dr., Oakland, CA 94611
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 18, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 18, 1996
The Journal November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 1996

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a.m. Nov. 17 (at Conlon).

• Two auto burglaries were reported. The burglar who entered a car parked in the 900 block of Elm Street during the early morning hours of Nov. 16 obtained \$1 in cash from the console. Prescription medicine was taken from a vehicle glove box Nov. 16 or 17; the incident occurred in the 100 block of Carmel Avenue.

• A car battery was stolen in the 1200 block of Liberty Nov. 15 or 16.

• A resident of the 7800 block of Burns Court reported that someone smashed the window of his

truck during the evening of Nov. 14 and punctured the tires of his van Nov. 15 or 16.

• A vehicle window was shattered in a residential driveway in the 900 block of Albemarle at about 2:05 p.m. Nov. 14. Someone smashed a vehicle's mirrors in the 600 block of Clayton during the night of Nov. 16.

• A resident reported hearing a conversation between two men regarding an explosive planted near the Bank of America. The area was searched; nothing was found. The incident occurred at about 3:55 p.m. Nov. 20.

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Thanks again to all for keeping Albany's public schools strong!

David and Bev Farrell.

Co-Chairs, Ice Cream Social Planning Committee Albany

Offensive mailing

The Journal received a copy of the following sent to Albany

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-6903

The Name of the Business:

1) Advanced Instruments, 2) First Choice Hearing Aid Factory Outlet, 560 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito, CA 94530

is registered by the following owner:

Redco, LLC, 1861 Joseph Drive, Moraga, CA 94556

These businesses are conducted by a Limited Liability Co.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on October 28, 1996

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 28, 1996

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7085

The Name of the Business:

SBC Consulting, 1755 Delta Meadows Way, Oakley, CA 94561

is registered by the following owner:

Cecil D. Bailey, 150 Castle Ct., Lafayette, CA 94549

This business is conducted by an individual

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on November 15, 1996

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-6889

The Name of the Business:

Family R.V. and Marine Products Co., 150 Castle Ct., Lafayette, CA 94549

is hereby registered by the following owner:

Cecil D. Bailey, 150 Castle Ct., Lafayette, CA 94549

This business is conducted by an individual

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on November 3, 1996

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-6843

The Name of the Business:

GABIS, 2320 Cedar St., El Cerrito, CA 94530

is registered by the following owners:

Debra Haber-Zurita, 2320 Cedar St., El Cerrito, CA 94530

Rene Zurita Caceres, 2320 Cedar St., El Cerrito, CA 94530

This business is conducted by individuals - husband and wife

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-6752

The Name of the Business:

Boys Noise Management, 140 Shereen #11, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

is registered by the following owner:

Dina LaPoint, 140 Shereen #11, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

This business is conducted by an individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7082

The Name of the Business:

Signal Transport, 3219 Pierce St., Richmond, CA 94804

is registered by the following owner:

David Carroll Electronics, Inc., California

This business is conducted by a Corporation

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File No. 96-6983

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First Choice, 560 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito, CA 94530

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AUTO SALES AND SERVICES

A Feature of the Advertising Department

Out of Gas...



by Karen Senzig

It's that time of year again that the International Auto Show invites you to do some really serious Christmas Shopping. This is the 39th year of this special event sponsored by the San Francisco International Auto Show, Inc. and supported by the California Motor Car Dealers Association. Besides offering an opportunity to examine the stunning manufacturers' displays that will occupy Halls A through D of the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco, visitors will have an opportunity to enjoy numerous auto related activities.

This year the International Auto Show has made an effort to enhance the show with spe-

cial exhibits and expand the auto accessory area. More than 40 booths make up the Auto Accessory Fair which is the largest and most extensive to date. Numerous items ranging from car care products, to sports memorabilia, to miniature cars and the PathMaster by Rockwell Automotive, the only navigational system that utilizes global positioning systems, dead reckoning and map matching, will be on display in the Auto Accessory Fair located in Hall E.

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Among the many special exhibits of note are the

iWERKs REACTOR mobile theater. Playing in the REACTOR this year is Days of Thunder, a ride simulation that puts the viewer behind the wheel with NASCAR driver Cole Trickle racing at the Daytona 500. Complete with all the shakes, spins and smoke in the face of a real race, the iWERKs REACTOR can be found at the Fourth Street side of Hall C.

Also making an appearance at this year's show is the Excaliber Cobra. This "turn-key" fully manufactured automobile, made by craftsmen in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is recognized by the auto writing media as one of the greatest sports cars ever built. Over the years, this model car has been purchased by Bill Cosby, Frank Sinatra, Steve McQueen, Jackie Gleason, Phyllis Diller (who owns four!) and King Carlos of Spain. The car's base sticker price starts at just over \$50,000.

For the second year in a row the International Auto Show is proud to include motorcycles. This year marks the return of Yamaha and the Yamaha Royal Star. Harley-Davidson, makers

of legendary American motorcycles, will be making its first ever appearance in this year's show displaying some of their latest models.

Debuting in 1996 at the International Auto Show are numerous innovative products and programs. In the alternative fuel section Zap Electric Bikes will be on display. Zap Power Systems manufactures electric bicycles, adult tricycles and police bicycles as well as a power system that allows any ordinary bicycle to run on electric power.

One of our readers, Edward Holsinger of Berkeley sent me a letter recently suggesting that I "investigate and publish an Electric Car report". (I think this is an excellent idea, by the way, and hope to begin this after the first of the year). I called Ed and asked if he knew if there would be an Electric Car exhibit at the show. He was certain there would be (I called the show and confirmed) probably featuring GM, Honda and Toyota.

The Northern California branch of AAA will be on site showcasing the new AAA

Internet services, cellular service, 24 hour road assistance and the kick off of the CHEERS program. CHEERS promotes responsible host parties. The public is welcome to visit the AAA booth located in the swing space adjacent to Hall A and pick up a free CHEERS recipe book with alcohol-free drinks created by some of the areas finest hotels and restaurants.

BLACKHAWK AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM BRINGS COUPES AND ROADSTERS TO INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW.

Through the generosity of the Blackhawk Automotive Museum, located in nearby Danville, the International Auto Show has pieced together a display featuring some of the finer examples of the sports car designers' art. Exhibited are both coupes and roadsters. The examples were chosen by Automotive Director and Chief Curator of the museum, Skip Marketti, for their excellence in design and enduring attractiveness.

The earliest example shown is the 1925 Silver Ghost, a Roadster. In 1919 America's most important car in the world, buying more each year than the rest of the world combined. Hopwood, a British manufacturer of plant in Springfield, Massachusetts and was requests for back-ordered Royces by 1921. The Ghost ceased production in 1926; seventy-nine Roadsters were constructed. The 1932 Auburn Model 160A Cabriolet produced by the Auburn Automobile Company, introduced an engine model designed 12-160: twelve cylinders 160 horsepower. Stock Twelve set new speed at California's Murdock and at hill climbing and events around the country. Auburn retailed for \$12,000. The technology behind the 1936 MG PB Airline came from the great courses of pre-war European 1934 the P-Series debut.

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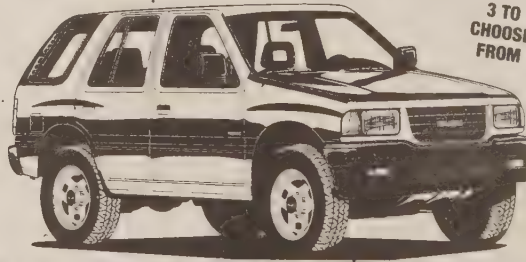
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new generation of Midget. The car displayed in this year's show was awarded the Montagu de Bealieu Trophy at the 1994 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance for being the "Most significant car of British origin" in the show.

The Blackhawk Museum will also have on display two modern examples in the form of the 1954 Belmont convertible and the Bizzarini 5300 S.I. Spyder.

The 39th International Auto Show, set for November 24 - December 1, at San Francisco's Moscone Convention Center, will be the largest and most spectacular auto exposition of

any kind held in Northern California.

Show hours for the seven day exposition are 11:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (except Monday - November 25, Tuesday - November 26, Wednesday - November 26, when show hours will be 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.). Admission is \$6 with children 12 and under free.

For those of you who may think I've recently gained divine inspiration and information (and even "car sense"), please don't be fooled. This column was prepared with the information provided by the San Francisco International

If you have a question, story or tip to share, send it care of Karen Senzig, to Hills Newspapers 5707 Redwood

Road, Oakland, CA. 94619 or FAX it to (510) 339-3053 or EMAIL to KSENZIG@AOL.COM.

Celebrate "Journey With Cochran & Celli" - Sports & Adventure

Auto Show, Inc.

Students from the College of Alameda will be hosting a unique, "real-life" promotional event as part of a marketing project called the General Motors Marketing Internship (GMMI) program. Twenty-five students from the marketing business class have spent their fall semester developing a marketing plan as part of

GMMI. The class has developed a large-scale, "hands on" spectacular event for Tuesday, December 3, 1996 on the college campus.

Bob Rubino, general manager for Cochran & Celli Auto Center in Oakland, and his staff at the GM dealership and Sgro Promo Associates have provided the interns with a

\$2,500 budget to work as a marketing team and develop a creative strategy to educate the campus population to create awareness of the Cochran & Celli Dealership, and Chevrolet-GEO. During this "hands on" project students will learn about marketing, event planning, research, and how to run a promotional agency.

The event will be called "Journey with Cochran & Celli." On December 3, from 10a.m.-3:00p.m., the College of Alameda campus will be transformed into an adventurous event with active lifestyle-type

sports equipment of today. You, and students, faculty and staff will be able to "free of charge" compete in various sporting activities, eat BBQ food, compete for many great prizes, hear music, and become familiar with some of the most advanced automobiles General Motors has ever built.

The public is invited to participate in this exciting educational event and this experience should be a great learning opportunity for the students in the College of Alameda GMMI Internship. Come join in the action and discover your own adventure!

San Francisco International Auto Show To Open Sunday, November 24th

The International Auto Show has added more displays this year making it the most extensive and diversified auto show held in the Bay Area. More than 500 cars and trucks representing the work of the world's major manufacturers for 1997 and beyond, will be on display. The International Auto Show

will fill halls A, B, C, D and E, over 500,000 sq. ft., at the Moscone Center making it the second largest auto exposition of its kind in the western United States.

Some 300,000 spectators are expected to attend this year's event, continuing to make it the largest show of any kind held in northern California.

For attendees to the International Auto Show there are a variety of ways to attend the show. There are numerous public transportation services, including MUNI. In addition a special shuttle bus service has been established. The shuttle buses will run every half hour leaving from the Montgomery Street BART station beginning November 28 and running through the last day of the show, December 1.

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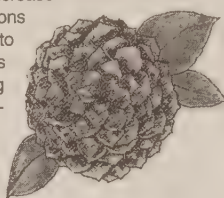
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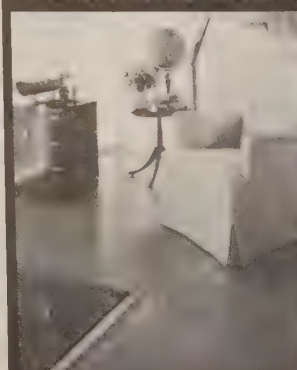
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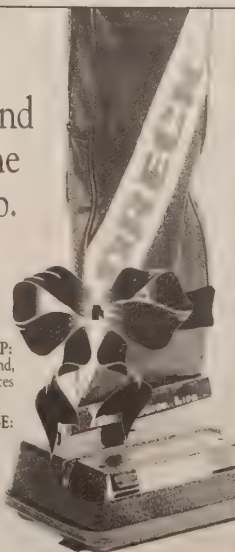


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See EVENTS

Decked are the halls: the city dresses for the season



Dunsmuir House, one of Oakland's many historical Christmas attractions.

Eric Photo

By Annalee Allen

Many of Oakland's best known landmarks and historic districts will be decked out for the season. Revelers won't want to miss out on any of the festivities. Stately City Hall, recent recipient of a *National Trust Honor Award*, will feature a 16 ft. holiday tree festooned with multicultural handmade ornaments produced by school children. The official tree-lighting takes place Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. Lights, garlands and wreaths will mark City Hall's exterior.

Another unique tree can be found at the Oakland Museum starting Dec. 5. The museum's extensive collection of authentic children's toys from the turn-of-the-century will find prominent places under the glittering tree. Visitors can view the holiday display during regular museum hours through December. Don't forget the museum gift shop for stocking stuffers and other goodies. The museum information number is 238-2200.

The Pardee Home Museum at 672-11th Street is the place to be Sunday, Dec. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. when St. Paul's Chorists will sing carols. Decorations from the Par-

dee family, dating back to the mid 1800s come down from the attic and go on display. Of particular note, says Director David Nicolai, are the family's unusual feather trees. Call 444-2187 for more information.

The Oakland Heritage Alliance is sponsoring a Holiday Open House in one of the homes located in Oakland's 10th Avenue Historic District on Friday Dec. 13. Call 763-9218 for details and reservations.

A holiday stroll through Preservation Park, sponsored by the City of Oakland Tours Program will take place Saturday, Dec. 14, starting at 10 a.m. Join floral designer Sharon Kidder as she describes her unique approach to holiday decorating. Sharon is responsible for the wreaths and garlands this year at the park.

Linger after the stroll to sample scrumptious tea cake cookies and other refreshments. Preservation Park features 16 Victorian era houses, in a 19th century style garden setting and restored for non-profit organization offices. Enter the park at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way between 12th and 14th streets. The stroll begins at the fountain.

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Remember, in this season of giving, time is often the most precious of gifts.

Decked

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Call the 24-hour hot line, 238-3234 to make reservations. The event is free to the public.

Sharon Kidder is also one of the featured designers participating in this year's Dunsmuir House and Gardens Turn of the Century Holiday Faire, beginning Friday, Dec. 6, through Sunday Dec. 22. The three designers selected (also featured Patricia Gibbons of El Cerrito and Katherine Bergman of Walnut Creek) are transforming the 16,000 sq. ft. Colonial Revival mansion to reflect the opulence of an era gone by.

Sharp eyed visitors will notice "living history" characters enlivening the scene as they prepare for a holiday fete. Take tea at the Dinkelspiel House (a fairy tale Period Revival cottage located near

the entrance of the 40-acre historic estate), then shop at tented boutiques stationed about the grounds.

To reach Dunsmuir House and Gardens, take 106th Ave. off 580 East, or Foothill Blvd. off 580 West. Follow the signs to 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. Adult admission is \$9 in advance, \$10 at the gate, Seniors \$8 in advance, Juniors \$6 and children 6 and under are free. Call 615-5555 for hours and information on group rates, as well as reservations for tea.

Decorations at the Camron-Stanford House 1418 Lakeside Drive, were inspired by the incomparable "Godey's Ladies Book." Since 1978 members of the volunteer preservation association have been creating "Oh, What a Beautiful Tree," based on detailed instructions from Godey's December 1860 issue.

Director Liz Way promises a unique display of antique ornaments and toys assembled from various

private collections in the Stanford's cozy parlor. The event is open Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 836-1111 for days 1-5 or call 836-1111 for appointment. Christmas at Stanford is an Oakland tradition.

Fridays in December at the Market in the Old Oakland District has a distinct holiday feel. Lights twinkle on the historic 1870-era brick building, commercial buildings, offices, restaurants and cafes as well as 9th Street curbside trees.

And Santa Claus will arrive Dec. 20 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at the Arts Gallery featuring Bay Area artists at the gallery's number 1897-3327. Call (800) 1-897-3327 for information about the Farmington.

Watch the Hills Calendar Section this month of December for many other Holiday festive fun begin.

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Dressing the Christmas tree

by Dominic Gamache

For many of us, Christmas is a season of tradition. Few run as deep as the tradition of the hand-blown, glass ornaments which, chances are, hang with pride on your parents' tree, your grandparents' tree, and your great-grandparents' tree.

To find the origin of these ornaments, you have to travel back to the mid 1800s to a small town nestled deep in the Franconian mountains of Northern Bavaria where a small family of gifted artisans mastered the specialized art of blowing glass ornaments.

From years of glass blowing experience, these artists were able to perfect this time consuming process. They started with a small, hollow ball of glass attached to a long stem; this was heated until it was red hot, then placed into a porcelain mold, blowing into the stem to conform the glass to the mold.

Once the glass had cooled, a special mix, which contained silver nitrate, was poured into the ornament to coat the inside, giving it depth and color. The ornament was then dried in an oven. Once completely dry, it was

ready for painting.

Each color was applied individually and allowed to dry before the next color was painstakingly applied.

The whole process could take more than a week to complete since as many as 36 colors were applied to each ornament.

For ideas on shaping ornaments, the artists turned to their culture and religion: bells, which, according to legend, rang throughout the world when Christ was born; the carrot was a gift to new brides and brought good luck to the kitchen.

St. Nicholas, a charitable man, always ready to help the needy, was the saint of the children. The fir tree, used in pre-Christian celebrations of mid winter, symbolized nature's triumph over the darkness and cold of winter.

The pine cone, a symbol of motherhood due to the protection it provides its seeds; and Merlin, the wise advisor to King Arthur.

These were among many of the first ornaments to become popular with the 19th-century Germans in Franconia.

The glass ornaments were introduced to the United States in the late 1800s and were immediately in high demand. This created a boom in the mold making industry lasting through the '20s.

From this period, ornaments took the shape of people and cartoons, such as, Charlie Chaplin and Betty Boop, and symbols of our society, the Liberty Bell, and zeppelins. As

the popularity of the ornaments spread, so did the skills of the trade.

Today, top quality ornaments are produced in Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Italy using the same procedures and duplicates of the molds created close to 150 years ago and those created in the 1920s.

Even though the cost of creating a new mold, in the tradition of the originals is astronomical, we are

fortunate to have a few new designs appear each year; these will become the heirlooms of tomorrow.

The Germans first hung their ornaments on native pine trees which the family would cut from the forests near their home. Today, in the Bay Area, some people choose the fragrant Nobel Fir for

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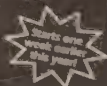
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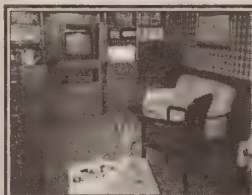
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furniture and accessories for each room in one column. In the other column, list the items you can live without, and those used only seasonally.

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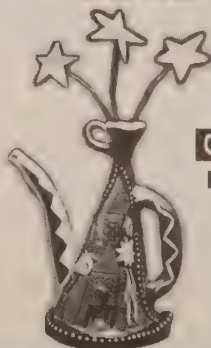
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Grown in every state in the continental United States, apples hold quite a position in the hearts of culinary experts and people who just like to cook.

Simply put, apples are delicious.

nutritious and convenient. Speaking of nutrition, one medium apple is considered low in fat, cholesterol-free, sodium-free and provides four grams of fiber.

Everyone knows the world wouldn't be the same without apples in virtually everything we love to eat: apple butter, apple jelly, apple pie, caramel apples, apple cider.

Taking advantage of the season makes for some unforgettable dishes. Try them sweet, tart or sweet-tart; baked, dried or simply for snacking.

A mulling spice mix for hot apple

juice or cider turns apple cider into a perfect hot beverage, even if it's just spent sitting around a glow.

For an equally pleasing alternative to caffeine-rich spice a cup of warm apple juice to make single students as an after-school

But whether your spavor the flavor of apples in them in a hot cup of sp picking them off the tree of apple pie, apples are adventure.

Glazes for the celebratory bird

A delicious, juicy turkey is wonderfully low in fat and calories, so you can enjoy plenty this Christmas without worrying about your waistline.

Follow directions on the package for cleaning and roasting the turkey. Then, use our following glaze recipes to baste the bird before placing it in your oven. Baste with all glaze every 30 minutes during cooking.

Honey Mustard Glaze

1 can (6 oz.) frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
1/2 cup prepared mustard
1/2 cup honey
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
In a small bowl, combine all ingredients.

Makes enough for a 12- to 15-pound turkey.



Cranberry Glaze

1 can (16 oz.) frozen cranberry juice, thawed
1 can (6 oz.) orange juice, thawed
1/4 cup honey

In a small bowl, combine all ingredients.

Makes enough for a 12- to 15-pound turkey.

Dressing up your table with dips

Holiday entertaining is easy with delicious, crowd-pleasing dips. From chips and pretzels to freshly cracked crab and crunchy veggies, dips can be served with a variety of foods suitable for every taste and budget.

Bacon Horseradish Dip

1 cup mayonnaise or light reduced-calorie or reduced-fat/cholesterol-free mayonnaise dressing
1 cup sour cream
1/4 cup real bacon bits
1/4 cup prepared horseradish
Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Cover; chill. Makes 2 cups.

Spinach Dip

1 cup mayonnaise or light reduced-calorie or reduced-fat/cholesterol-free mayonnaise dressing
1 1/2 cups sour cream
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped

spinach, thawed, drained
1 pkg. (1.4 oz.) vegetable soup and recipe mix
1 can (8 oz.) water chestnuts, drained, chopped (optional)
3 green onions, chopped
Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Cover; chill. Makes 3 cups.

French Onion Dip

1/2 cup mayonnaise or light reduced-calorie or reduced-fat/cholesterol-free mayonnaise dressing
2 cups sour cream
1 pkg. (1.9 oz.) french onion soup and recipe mix
Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Cover; chill. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

Hot Artichoke Dip

1/2 cup mayonnaise or light reduced-calorie or reduced-fat/cho-

lesterol-free mayonnaise dressing
1/2 cup sour cream
1 can (14 oz.) artichokes, drained, chopped
1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese
1/8 tsp. hot pepper sauce
Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Spoon into a proof dish. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes or until bubbly.

Hot Crab Dip

1 pkg. (3 oz.) crabmeat
1/2 cup mayonnaise or light reduced-calorie or reduced-fat/cholesterol-free mayonnaise dressing
1 can (6 oz.) cream of mushroom soup
1/4 cup mixed onion and celery
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1/8 tsp. hot pepper sauce
Beat cream of mushroom soup smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients. Spoon into a proof dish. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes or until bubbly. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

Cookies to brighten the holidays



Eleni's Cookie Co

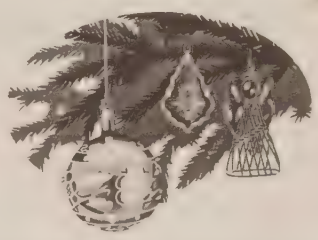
Eleni Gianopoulos can brighten your holiday gift giving with her Christmas-light cookies.

Frosene Phillips
Gift giving, often a challenging prospect, is taking on a new venture this holiday season. Cookies with a unique twist and a little history have arrived.
The Statue of Liberty, a marble glass, a golf bag with shoes, a fire hydrant, Japanese Christmas lights, Japanese Christmas cookies, toy soldiers, tools, a tennis racket, clowns, the Empire State Building and even the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center complete with a taxi are yours for the asking—or ordering.
When Eleni Gianopoulos started Eleni's Cookie Co. over three years ago, she launched a business that really began in her family home in Piedmont, California. She wanted to sell baklava," the popular Greek home food. Growing up in a Greek home full of delicious and delicious food, it seemed a natural direction. It was her mother who persuaded her to try a different course, however. Recognizing the limitations involved with baklava, she emulated her mother's oatmeal

cookie recipe instead. The recipe contains no eggs or butter. "It tastes fattening and gooey but there is no cholesterol," she said.
For Gianopoulos, reaching this point didn't just happen overnight. After graduating from Piedmont High School in 1982, she attended SMU where she received her degree in Psychology and then promptly headed for New York City, "because it was New York City," she said.
She landed a job with Time, Inc. working in the Life Magazine picture department's photo archives before moving into the magazine production department. It didn't take her long to recognize that the demanding hours of the publishing business could be

put to a different use—a business for herself.
This didn't happen overnight. She received her certificate in graphic design from the Parsons School of Design in New York and free-lanced for Life Picture sales for a year as she established her business. "I used to bring desserts to photo shoots," she said. The idea was launched.
While her husband Randall is a senior vice-president of Smith Barney's Financial Futures Division, it didn't stop him from getting involved. "He created the Everything Cookie," she shared. Her peanut butter recipe came from her sister-in-law and the business began in their home. Eventually, they rented kitchen space from a friend.
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This year, Mike Corrado, a photo expert from Nikon, offers some other tips to ensure the best holiday photos:

- Avoid dark facial shadows. Use your camera's flash when taking people photos. Turn the anytime flash feature on, and revelers will be perfectly lit.
- Use the right film, usually 400 speed film indoors and 100 speed outdoors. For a good general film, 200 speed is an excellent choice.
- Turn on as many room lights as possible to eliminate red-eye. This, combined with the red-eye reduction feature on many cameras, will prevent the devilish glow that comes with flash photos.
- Candid holiday photos look best. Grandma's spontaneous look of delight is better than any posed photo could be.
- Move the subject out of the center of the frame. To make photos more interesting, try moving the subject to the side of the photo. Cameras with focus lock make this easy.
- Subjects react better when you are a few steps away. Kids opening gifts look more natural if you stand a few feet away and let a zoom lens bring them to you.



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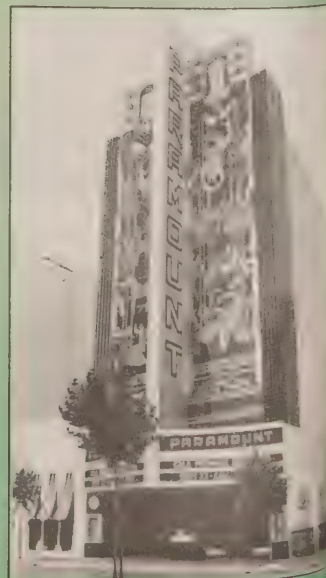


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Avoid Post-Holiday Payment Shock

Millions of holiday shoppers will dust off their credit cards and hit the malls this month, happily charging everything from toys to tinsel. Unfortunately, many a shopper's holiday glee will become holiday gloom once their January credit card statements arrive.

Here's some advice to help avoid post-holiday payment shock.

- Limit spending. Determine how much you can afford to spend on holiday gifts before beginning your shopping excursion. Stick to your budget.

- Create a list of people for whom you need to purchase gifts and how much you will spend on each one, making sure not to exceed your allotted budget. As you shop, record each gift and its cost next to the receiver's name, then add up your expenses so your credit card bill won't take you by surprise.

- Use cash whenever possible. If it is necessary for you to charge a number of gifts, put them all on one credit card, so you won't be juggling several bills in January. Look into applying for a special

holiday card with a credit line that equals what you have to spend, and that can be destroyed after the holidays.

- Be interest-rate conscious. Be wary of department store cards and cards offering deferred payment plans since most charge hefty interest rates. Use a deferred interest card only if interest will not accrue until the first payment is due, and if you will be able to pay off all or most of the bill immediately.

- Shop wisely. Take advantage of outlet malls and holiday sales. Rather than buying expensive wrapping paper, ribbon and bows from department stores, pay cash for those items at a dollar store. Also, consider giving gifts that are easy on the pocketbook such as an enlarged snapshot capturing a memorable event or a goodie basket filled with homemade treats.

- Prepare for next year. Start a holiday savings account and add to it each month. Then, throughout the year, hit retailers' clearance sales—you'll find great deals on gifts and, buying a little at a time, you'll avoid last-minute shopping next year.



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Come help light up the darkness of winter at Civic Center Park on Thursday evening, 5:30-7, December 5. This annual cross-cultural event will feature traditions from Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, Kwanzaa and the Solstice. Children are invited to make and bring luminaries to light the park. Real snow to play in, hayrides, hot chocolate and candycanes, a visit from Santa and joyous music add to the festivities of lighting the giant trees behind City Hall and special candles representing different cultures' celebrations of light.

Solano Avenue: A "Live" Christmas Tree Strolling on Thursday evenings, Dec. 12 & 19 you'll find our walking, talking decorated Christmas tree. Stop by and give the tree a shake! • Mrs. Claus will take messenger home to Santa on Saturday, Dec. 14 & 21, 11-1p.m. She will lead children in sing-alongs, give out candy canes and be available for photos with kids or pets (\$2) at Peralta Park. • Victorian Caroler! Thurs., Dec. 5, 5:30-7:30pm and Sun., Dec. 22, 2-5pm • International Music! Dec. 21, 3-5pm. Half Price Books: Dec. 19, 6-7pm Peralta Park • Late Evening Shopping on Thursdays during the Holiday season

Telegraph Avenue: 13th Annual Telegraph Ave. Holiday Street Fair December 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24 • Berkeley Art Museum Starting Dec. 11, The Mask of Venice: Starting Dec. 18, Masterworks of Greek and Roman Art • Pacific Film Archive (Dumont & College) Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, Teddy Bear Film Festival; Dec. 13, Mozart's Magic Flute • Cal Performances at Zellerbach Hall Dec. 14-21, Mark Morris Dance Group: The Hand Has, Dec. 8, Fiesta Nevada

North Shattuck Village: Come Home for the Holidays! Fulfill that holiday gift list by shopping at your local neighborhood, the North Shattuck Village. Everything you need is at your fingertips. Enjoy munching your way through our Gourmet Ghetto while shopping and gift buying. Special holiday music will be featured on Saturdays Dec. 7, 14 and 21

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Fourth Street: Shop late on Fourth Street every Thursday evening until 8pm during the holiday season

Adeline/Ashty South Berkeley Close to the Ashby BART Station, enjoy relaxed, fun shopping for antiques, collectibles, textiles, designer furnishings, sporting goods, musical instruments and food.

Elmwood District: Lighting Up the Elmwood Dec. 3, 7pm. Tree Lighting Festivities at College & Ashby Free Hot Cider! • Variety Show at the Elmwood Theatre Dec. 14, 10-11:55pm, for children under 12 sponsored by Trips Out Travel. Free tickets available from Elmwood merchants • Neighborhood Caroling Dec. 20 & 23, 6-8pm. Meet in front of Elmwood Pharmacy

Downtown Berkeley Association invites holiday shoppers and restaurant goers to enjoy caroling in BART Plaza each Saturday before Christmas. Choirs representing many denominations will perform from noon to 4 on Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 & 21. Thanks to City of Berkeley, Berk. Rep. Theater, Tapper & Reed Music and BOSS for making this event possible

Free Berkeley Shopping Loop Shuttle Take the Berkeley Electric Shuttle Transit (BEST) on a shopping loop through Albany & Berkeley during the holiday season. Originating at the downtown BART station, the BEST will run on Sat. & Sun. 11-7pm from Nov. 30 through Dec. 22 every half hour for free! Info: 549-7000

Cookies

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the Greek Orthodox Church they attended and finally moved to a warehouse space where Eleni's Cookies is today. In December,

the company will relocate to Around The Clock at the Chelsea Food Market.

With the classic cookies in full swing, Gianopoulos hired an artist to expand into a decorative cookie line. Sarah Rees is responsible for the innovative cookies along with her father Dan Christopoulos of

Piedmont. An established real estate developer with his son Basil of C & H Development, Christopoulos came to the rescue when a commercial cookie cutter wasn't available.

"They wanted a martini glass," said Christopoulos. Since his family had affectionately referred to him as Rube Goldberg over the years, he took on the challenge in his home workshop and accomplished the feat.

Today, he has created over 30 cutter varieties. "It takes from one to two hours depending on the design," he said.

Goldberg, incidentally, was a syndicated cartoonist with the *New York Evening Journal* where he would often show elaborate machines he had devised to perform

simple tasks as well as ludicrous inventions.

Beautifully packaged, the new line drew attention quickly. Last April, Eleni's Easter rabbit was featured in the *Martha Stewart Living Magazine*. Her "Wedding Cake Cookies" will be featured in the December bridal issue of the same publication and the Christmas Lights will be in the gift guide of the December issue of *Gourmet Magazine*.

In San Francisco, Eleni's Christmas Lights are available at Sacks Fifth Avenue.

The gift set of six sells for \$30 and individual cookies are also available. Eleni's cookies range from \$1.50 to \$10.

You can call Eleni's Cookie Co. at (212) 869-9765 for a complete list of cookies and ordering.

Events

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"The Black & White" Calvin Simon: 10th and Fallon Dec. 13-15 (Four Tickets, 444-BAS)

Santa Visits the 9777 Golf Links Sat., Dec. 14, 11 a.m. 632-9525

"Santa Express" City Center Wed., Dec. 18, 12 p.m. See Santa Dec. 18: 874-7808

Dickens Costume City Square at City Center 12th & Broadway Dec. 18-20, 23-24 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. 874-7808

"Tour the Paramour" Paramour Theatre 2025 Broadway Sat., Dec. 21, 10 a.m. 465-6400

Dance Brio "Revolutionary" Sweet's Scottish Rite Theatre 1547 Lakeside Drive Sat., Dec. 21, 2 p.m. Sun., Dec. 22, 2 p.m. 652-0752

"Thank You Santa" Children's Fair Lakeside Park/Lakeside Thurs., Dec. 26, 10 a.m. 452-2260

Kwanzaa Celebration Oakland Library, Eastmont Mall, 7200 Bancroft, Dec. 27 (call) 615-5726

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In West Oakland is a small artists' community called Magnolia Court. This winter season the artists will open their studios to the public for a diverse show of work. The studios will be open, all within walking distance of each other, with work ranging from paintings, life-size bronze sculpture, garden fountains and sculptural jewelry. The studios are open for viewing on two consecutive weekends: Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, and Dec. 7 and 8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 2400 Magnolia Court, 895-3577.



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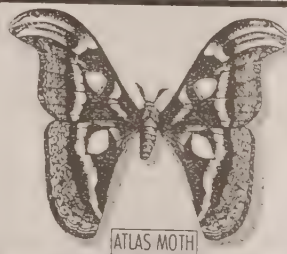
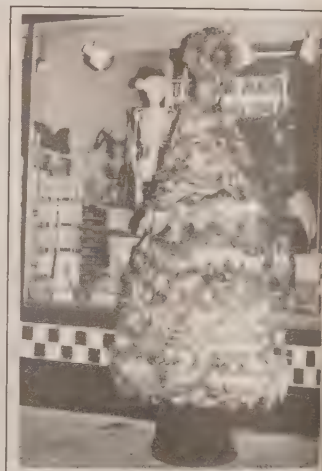
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Art quilts and garments, jewelry and dolls-ethnic, beaded and irresistible; hand-made shibori fabric and African indigo; Christmas ornaments and School House pins; baby hats; lantern and cicada bag purses made of the most luxurious fabrics; note cards; and the renowned Jane Dunnewal art fabric are among the items available for sale during this exhibit.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Sally Davey is the gallery owner. NEW PIECES is at 1597 Solano Avenue, Berkeley. The telephone number is 527-6779.

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The Downtown Berkeley Association invites holiday shoppers, restaurant and goers to enjoy caroling in BART Plaza each Saturday before Christmas. Chorus groups of various denominations will perform. The Holiday Caroling Program is the result of a collaborative effort by the Downtown Berkeley Association, City of Berkeley, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, and Tupper & Reed Music.

Downtown Berkeley Holiday Caroling in BART Plaza

November 30	12 noon to 4 p.m.
December 7	12 noon to 4 p.m.
December 14	12 noon to 4 p.m.
December 21	12 noon to 4 p.m.

Business associations throughout Berkeley will sponsor a free holiday shopping shuttle connecting Downtown to other Berkeley shopping districts. Available on Saturdays and Sundays in December from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the shuttle service will replace last year's 2-hour meter parking program.

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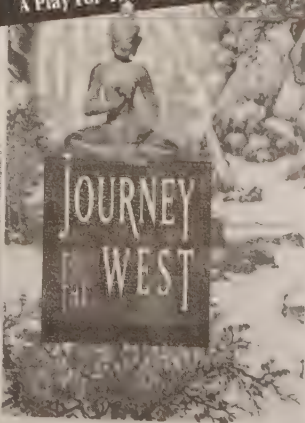
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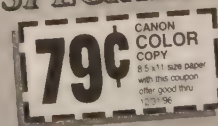
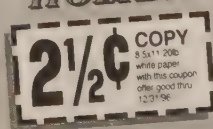
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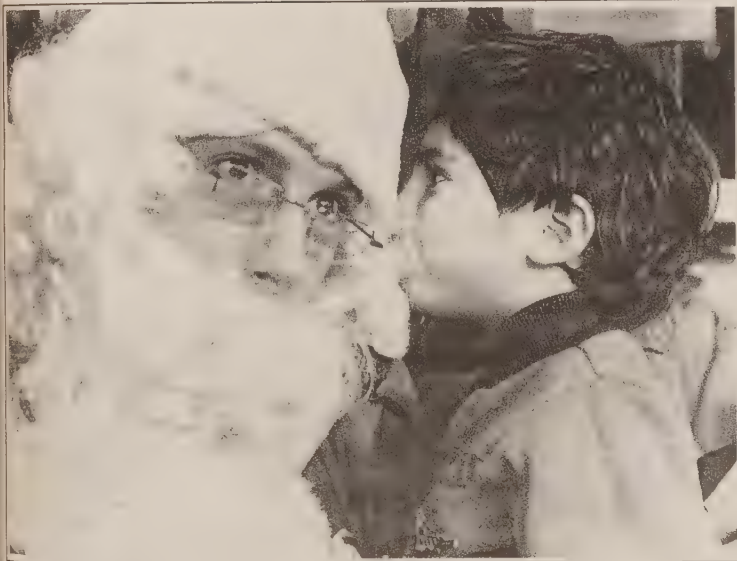
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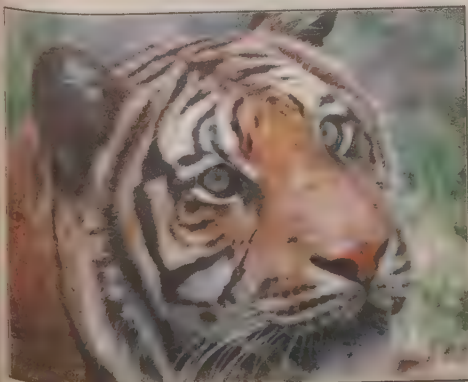
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ToniMarie Murphy from Finer Things had a great idea! A Board member of the Montclair Merchant's Association, she suggested that containers be placed on the counter of the shops in Montclair Village into which customers could deposit donations which would be forwarded to the Burn Center at Oakland Children's Hospital. The program would be called "Pennies From Heaven," and 100% of the funds collected would go directly to the Burn Center with absolutely no money used for administrative expenses. The Montclair merchants unanimously approved the idea.

On a day to day basis, most of us give little thought to the extraordinary care which the Oakland Children's Hospital provides; at least not until we MUST avail ourselves of some of those services. One of the most critical areas of the hospital is the Burn Center headed by Medical Director Dr. Jerold Kaplan. Patti Taggart, the Center's Administrative Director, explained that many burn victims fall between the cracks of private insurance and public aid. For example, some insurance companies will not pay for the pressure garments burn victims must wear to control scarring and prevent infection. The costs, which are substantial, fall to the parents.

Additionally, such items as video games and books are very important to children recuperating from painful burns. The Center also works with the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation in sponsoring kids suffering with burns to attend a summer camp located outside of Fresno in the Yosemite Foothills.

The Burn Center of Oakland Children's Hospital is the only designated Pediatric Burn Center between here and Colorado, so when you visit the charming Montclair Village shops during this holiday season, please make note of the special container and drop in some money. If you would like to contribute more money or earmark a donation for a specific need, kindly forward your check to:

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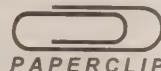
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
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
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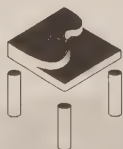
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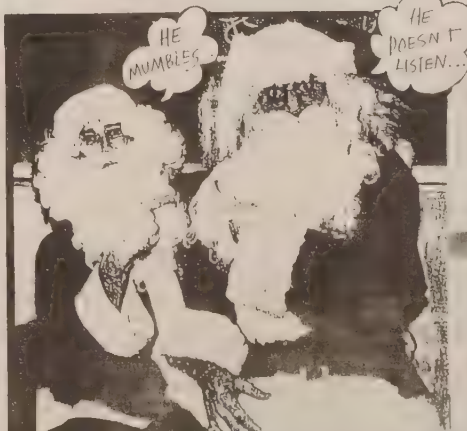
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Third Annual "Shop Oakland" Holiday Campaign Officially Begins

More than 30 merchant associations are participating in Oakland's third annual Shop Oakland holiday campaign, aimed at highlighting the unique shopping opportunities available in Oakland.

The 1996 Shop Oakland program was launched with a merchant breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 14, and followed with a press conference at Peet's coffee in the vibrant Piedmont Avenue shopping district of Oakland. "The success of the Shop Oakland concept is gaining momentum from year to year as shoppers learn that there is no need to go over a bridge through a tunnel to make their holiday purchases because Oakland offers a unique selection of shopping choices," said Mayor Elihu M. Harris.

Coordinated through the Office of the Mayor and the Community and Economic Development Agency (CEDA), the Shop Oakland campaign was developed to create a coordinated approach to marketing Oakland's retail assets. The goal of the campaign is to heighten consumer awareness about the many unique retail opportunities in Oakland by reaching a broader Bay Area audience and Oakland residents. Oakland has one of the wealthiest and most untapped consumer bases in California.

More than 30 merchants associations throughout the City are participating in the Shop Oakland campaign which includes a coordinated advertising effort, distribution of 75,000 Shop Oakland shopping guides, the "Discover Oakland's Neighborhood Gems" shopping guide test (see page 37 for drawing entry form), a local shopping district map, Shop Oakland display posters for stores and special events in the City's commercial districts.

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As another incentive to draw holiday shoppers to Oakland stores, the City is offering two hours of free parking at all city meters on Saturdays beginning Nov. 30

and continuing through Dec. 28, and eight hours (all day) free parking at City owned parking garages. In order to provide adequate turnover of parking spaces, vehicles must be removed after two hours or be subject to citation. All other parking controls and traffic safety codes will be enforced.

Generous contributions of donated artwork, newspaper and billboard space for the

1996 Shop Oakland campaign were provided by the Montclair, BART, AC Transit, Eller Media, the Oakland Tribune and the Classified Flea Market. Stickers

indicating the free meter time will be affixed to more than 8,500 meters by Team

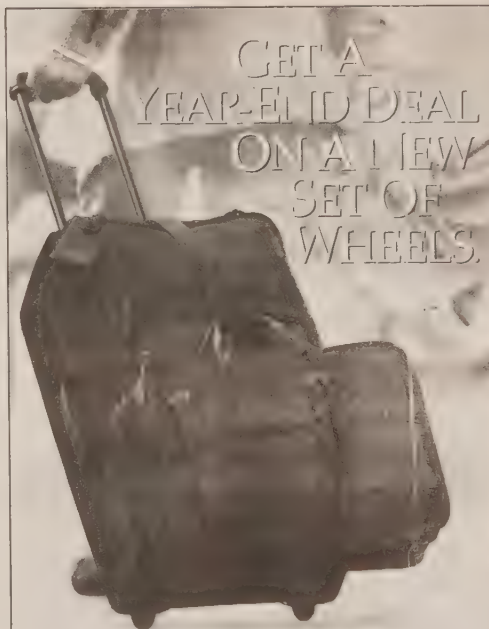
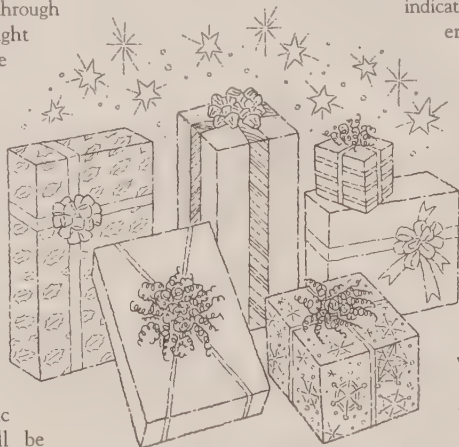
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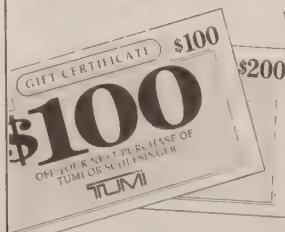
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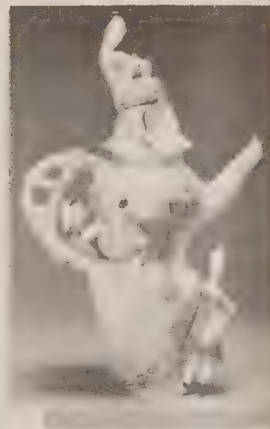
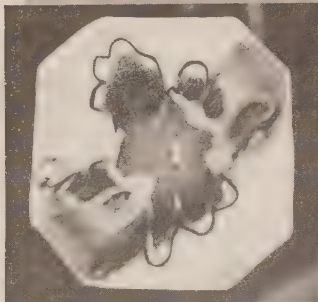
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These are just a few of the concerns and questions that come my way this time of year. With the holiday season upon us, now is the time to complete your plans. After all, New Year's Eve is just around the corner.

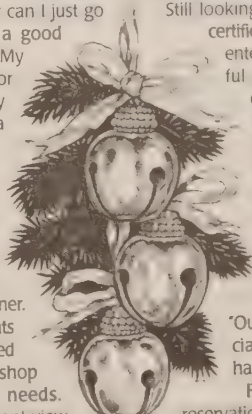
While many establishments have had holiday parties booked for some time, you can still shop around and satisfy your needs. Whether you require a waterfront view and intimacy or ambience and cuisine, the

East Bay offers an exciting range of choices.

Still looking for gift ideas? Consider a gift certificate from a local restaurant or entertainment event. This wonderful gesture is available at most eateries and provides an excellent opportunity to introduce a favorite dining spot to others. Tickets to a holiday concert or performance are terrific gifts for any music lover.

As the holiday season unfolds, keep your eye on the weekly Hills Newspapers' dining and entertainment feature "Out and About" for upcoming specials and events that will be happening.

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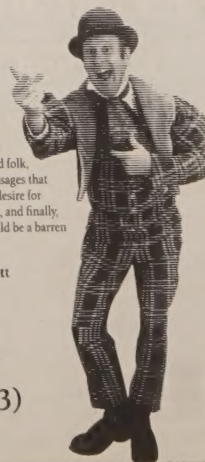
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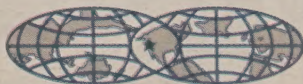
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